

# Stout Outlook

## Design Charrette

Event benefits both students and professionals



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**Lindsey Bovinet '75**



A recent collaboration between Interior Systems Inc. (ISI) and UW-Stout's department of art and design enabled the university's interior design students to gain real life experience in an event titled "Design Charrette."

"This event was an interesting and intense brainstorming session to generate concepts for a 'real world' project ISI is working on, providing students a chance to work with professional designers and UW-Stout design staff in an intense two-day workshop," said Ron Verdon, chair of UW-Stout's department of art and design.

ISI designs interiors for commercial and educational settings. The Fond du Lac interior design firm has strong ties to UW-Stout. Lindsey Bovinet, CEO of ISI, is a Stout graduate and received the university's "Outstanding Young Alumni Award" in 1987. According to Bovinet, ISI set out to present a workshop that would complement the students' academic experience with real life experience.

"We wanted to show students what they will actually be doing when they get a job, so they are better prepared," explained Bovinet. "An experience like this has a profound way of demonstrating to interior design students how the basics, such as drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking, graphic design and ceramics, are critical in preparing them for a career."

ISI contributed a tremendous amount of support for the "Design Charrette," providing the expertise of Bovinet, creative director Kari Muenster, and designers Linda Ahern and Rita Gear. They also supplied materials, a catered lunch and reception, honorable mention awards and a \$500 cash award for the first-place group.

Students were divided into teams of three. Maureen Mitton and Marc Kallsen, UW-Stout's department of art and design, selected the team members based on qualifications, distributing expertise equally. According to Verdon, this process created teams made up of individuals who were somewhat unfamiliar with each other and emphasized the teamwork approach, which is quite common in today's workplace.

On the first day of the "Design Charrette," students participated in a series of short creative workshops inspiring them to come up with resourceful ideas to solve design problems in a brief period of time. "In business there is never enough time—deadlines must always be met," Bovinet said. "The charrette experience teaches

students the enormous amount of work they are capable of doing in a compressed period of time. When a student accomplishes several weeks of work in one day, that has a powerful impact on their self-confidence." At the end of the day, ISI challenged the students to design the reception area and conference room complex for their offices in Fond du Lac.

After receiving the floor plan and perspective outline the following morning, each group developed a design and materials presentation. The groups then had 10 minutes to present their ideas to a jury. Members of the first-place group were Jyneal Radke, Alana Skoyen and Raquel Schwieder.

"One of the things I think we all felt good about was that the students really engaged in the process. They did a wonderful job and were resourceful," Verdon said.

The designers at ISI actually saw some student ideas they plan to implement. "Our desire was to get fresh creative ideas," Bovinet explained. "That is exactly what we received and more. All of the teams, not just the winning team, really pushed their thinking out of the box to come up with some outstanding solutions to the design problem."

Verdon said ISI was well prepared for the event. "It was clear they spent a great deal of time consulting their associates and interns, so that they were sensitive to the students' needs and concerns. What they presented was interesting, realistic and narrowed enough in focus to fit the time frame," he explained.

According to Bovinet, the ISI designers enjoyed being instructors. "I am a firm believer that when you teach you learn twice," he said. "Our designers are very proficient at what they do, but sometimes they lose perspective on just how talented they really are. Being able to share their talents with young, energetic learners gave our designers a new sense of self worth. During the sessions with students, I just stood back and watched them work and was very proud of them all."

UW-Stout actively seeks arrangements with area business and industry that are mutually beneficial. "This was a rare opportunity for Stout's students and staff. This project is an ideal example of how UW-Stout cooperatively engages practicing professionals in the educational setting," Verdon said.

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# University News

## Cutting edge communication

### The '90s brought explosive growth in telecommunications on campus

By mid-2000, UW-Stout will boast a new \$8.6 million three-story building replacing the current Communications Center as the electronic hub of the campus. It will bring all the campus's information technology components together in a single location.

According to Annette Taylor, campus planner, an up-to-date communications building is important because of the vast telecommunications and distance education needs of the university.

The university has experienced explosive growth in telecommunications, said Joe Brown, Chief Information Officer. "In 1993 a consultant reported the campus was overworked because we had 300 devices on the network. We have upgraded to 3,600 devices now," said Brown.

Currently, the people who work to keep UW-Stout on the cutting edge, Information and Operating Systems and Telecommunications and Networking, are housed in several different buildings. They will now be able to work together in the new building for even more efficient problem solving and service delivery.

"These people really pulled together to fix all of the systems," said Brown, adding, "A few years ago our network was in a meltdown state."

The university will use most of the first floor of the building for media production and training with an imaging studio and standard to high-end computer workstations. Faculty and staff will be able to use multimedia production workstations at any time to work on advanced productions, like streaming video over the Internet or making CD-ROMs.

The first floor will also house the Nakatani Center for Learning Technologies, a resource and training center for faculty and staff. According to Joe Hagaman, director of Learning Technology Services, the new space and equipment will enable UW-Stout to meet the increased need for faculty and staff training in the latest technologies, such as building web pages.

Most of the web pages will serve students in



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courses on the UW-Stout campus. But some of the pages will be developed into full-functioned online delivered courses offered statewide, even worldwide, similar to UW-Stout's asynchronous online master's program in hospitality and tourism, said Hagaman. This new program offers courses via the Internet, using a platform called Lotus Learning Space. At any time of the day in any part of the world, students access courses from their home computer.

Because UW-Stout participates in both asynchronous and synchronous distance education, areas on the second floor of the new building will include two large classrooms set up for synchronous, instructor-led applications. UW-Stout currently participates in networks that deliver two-way video.

According to Hagaman, future distance learning will combine the best features of asynchronous and synchronous technologies in response to the needs of the students UW-Stout will serve. "Many of the future learners will be older, working full-time jobs and

living farther away. They will still want the special programs that only Stout can offer. We will be in a very good position to provide quality distance education opportunities, no matter what direction technology takes," he explained.

Synchronous courses may use web sites to support the classroom activities. Asynchronous courses may experiment with synchronous features such as online chat, document sharing, and back-and-forth audio/video, said Hagaman.

The university may implement several other new technologies, like digital television and wireless communication, in the new building. Hagaman noted that, in preparation for digital television, all of the rear projection screens in the building will have a wide-screen format.

"We want to be on the cutting edge, but we don't want to be on the bleeding edge," said Hagaman. "We have had to make some judgments on what will be significant and what will be just another fad."

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## A course to savor

### International wine and food pairing course explores culture as well

While others were battling January winter whiteouts and dipping temperatures in the Midwest, Stout students and instructors savored the white beaches of the Mediterranean for three weeks.

Equipped with nearly 120 all-American, top-echelon wines, Peter D'Souza and Philip McGuirk, of Stout's hospitality and tourism department, taught the first International Wine and Food Pairing Course at the University of the Balearic Islands (UIB) on the island Majorca, Spain.

Tolo Hernandez, a UIB instructor, discussed Spanish wine and food. Thirty-one students in UW-Stout's hotel, restaurant and tourism program and 10 students in the restaurant program at UIB attended the class.

According to D'Souza, the three instructors have not found a similar class that is offered for credit at any other university in the United States or Europe.

For five days, the students attended lectures and matched wine with food, and cooked with wine in labs. The students then spent two days creating lunches and dinners, pairing Spanish and American wines with Spanish and American foods.

Armed with the ability to taste wine and match it with food, the group then traveled to see how wine is made and sold. They took one field trip to three small family-owned-and-operated wineries in Palma, Majorca, and a second field trip to three large wineries in Barcelona, a large mainland city.

McGuirk and D'Souza said observing the process at the large corporate wineries was enlightening, but the people at the small Palma wineries really embraced their class.

"The smaller wineries had great passion for what they are doing," McGuirk noted.

"Yes. The process is the same at both types of wineries,

but the way they make it is different," D'Souza added.

At the Palma wineries, students had the unique opportunity to talk with the owners, winemakers and marketing managers. "The owners and winemakers even gave us special tours and walked us through, if you will, the process of making wine and champagne. They were very open," said McGuirk.

"They also opened some of their better wines for us to taste," said D'Souza, smiling.

Beyond wine and food pairing, the Stout students gained a tremendous amount of knowledge about Spanish culture. They were required to take Spanish language classes before the trip and had the chance to put the language to practical use, communicating with the Spanish instructors, students and general public.

They also acquired an appreciation for Spanish customs and lifestyles. A custom popular with the group was the siesta.

"When you go to lunch, you go for at least two hours. Almost everything is closed from 2-4:30 p.m., breaking up the day nicely," McGuirk explained.

"It makes sense. Then you are more productive when you come back," noted D'Souza.

Although tourism is a large industry in the Balearic Islands, D'Souza pointed out that the local residents remain very family oriented. "We made a real effort to be sensitive to their culture. They welcome tourists, but they also want to protect their customs," he said.

The 31 Stout students made useful connections with professionals working within the tourism industry. Sol Melia, one of the largest hotel chains in Europe, sponsored a dinner, at which each student received a diploma to commemorate the event. D'Souza indicated that the hotel chain plans to

enter the American market soon, so the students may have made potential job links.

Jafar Jafari and Christine Clements, also from the hospitality and tourism department, pioneered the joint venture and will host 20 UIB students on the Stout campus for a tourism class in April.

McGuirk and D'Souza hope to expose their students to the wine, food and cultural aspects of as many major wine-producing countries as possible. The class in Spain will be an annual January event. In addition, the two instructors plan to offer the class in Sydney, Australia, in June 2001 in collaboration with Southern Cross University in Lismore, Australia, and will soon travel to Portugal, aiming to arrange the class there. Other possible destinations include South Africa, Chile, Germany, Italy and France.

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## New majors meet demand

UW-Stout will offer three new academic programs: technical communication, industrial management and an advanced degree in school psychology.

Technical communication was listed as one of the 20 hottest jobs in "US News and World Report," October 26, 1998. UW-Stout's new bachelor of science degree in technical communication will prepare students for jobs that call for high levels of communication with clients and customers about policies, products and services. Technical communicators are valuable to a variety of employers, ranging from computer documentation companies nationwide to medical device companies.

Graduates of this program will research, visualize, design, develop and oversee publication of both print and electronic documents. Technical communicators are at work creating training presentations at 3M, safety manuals at Johnson Wax and maps at the Mall of America.

The technical communication degree will provide students a communication background and coursework in a chosen technical area, such as health sciences, hospitality and tourism or manufacturing engineering.

In response to the needs of both Wisconsin employers and workers, the new bachelor of science degree in industrial management is designed for individuals who have completed an associate degree at a technical college and are interested in extending their education. The program will produce managers who are comfortable with both upper management and the production line, and who deal with issues ranging from making policy to efficient production.

Because today's students are older, working and living farther away from the university, UW-Stout offers the program on and off campus with an emphasis on delivery off campus using various distance learning technologies.

Many students will complete general education requirements at one of the 13 two-year UW Colleges located near their home.

UW-Stout's new educational specialist degree (*Ed.S.*) in school psychology meets criteria for certification as a school psychologist by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, and is recommended for accreditation by the National Association of School Psychologists. The Ed.S. degree in school psychology is 30 credits beyond a master's degree.

Most school psychologists work in public education to ensure that all children are able to learn and progress to the best of their ability, including children in the preschool screening process, and adolescents who are in transition from school to work. Jobs are also available in public and private mental health clinics and agencies working with developmentally and learning disabled persons.

## information technology a major force on campus

The new Communications Center, currently under construction immediately south of the old building, will serve as the campus hub for technology, housing such functions as information technology and distance education facilities. But it will also serve as a symbol of how information technology has changed forever many aspects of how we work as a university.

Today, information technology is a major force behind nearly every program we offer on campus. Spending hours in front of computer screens is a way of life for our students, whether they are making use of our modern computer labs or studying at home. We are now experiencing the first generation of truly computer literate students, and their expectations are high for the use of technology as a major education tool.

This spring we have introduced "Access Stout" which will allow students to work directly with our central database to register for class, check on financial aid and determine what additional courses they will need before graduation.

There is another way technology has altered our way of doing business: it will no longer be necessary for everyone to spend four or more years on campus to earn a degree. Although we will always have a core resident population on campus, new delivery systems will enable us to reach audiences who are place bound or whose lifestyles do not fit the traditional resident approach.

For example, in our current biennial budget the legislature has provided substantial funding for us to expand our graphic communications management program in order to fill a need by the printing industry for qualified managers. But the additional students will not be here on campus, but rather out in the communities where they reside. We will reach them through distance education and through

cooperative programs for their nearby technical colleges.

The legislature also granted us more flexibility in how we manage our funds, allowing us to develop custom education for business, government and education on a cost-recovery basis. We call this service Stout Solutions, a one-stop approach to serving the educational needs of external audiences. You will notice elsewhere in Outlook that we have appointed our first executive director for Stout Solutions, who is serving on an interim basis.

While the use of technology has placed us in exciting times, it also presents a financial challenge. Everyone who has anything to do with computers knows that they are quickly obsolete and in need of upgrades or replacement of hardware and software. We have received some assistance from the legislature on this challenge, but the state alone cannot meet all of our needs. That is why we are increasingly relying on the generosity of our alumni, as well as business and industry, in closing the gap between our technology needs and our financial resources.

Stout has always fostered a reputation as an institution that changes with the times. I hope we can count on you to help us address the changes that lie ahead by continuing to support your university. We, in turn, will continue to deliver a quality educational product that everyone expects from us.

### Chancellor's Message



Charles W. Sorensen

# Technology bridges perspectives

## UW-Stout and Cerritos College generate cross-cultural communication

Stout's College of Arts and Sciences, in collaboration with Cerritos College in Norwalk, Calif., has launched an innovative program to bridge racial and ethnic boundaries.

"The Wisconsin Idea at UW-Stout and Cerritos College" uses video cameras and audio equipment to link American history classes at the urban, multi-ethnic Cerritos campus with the rural, predominately Caucasian Stout campus.

"While classes are often linked across long distances, this is the first time that a learning community has been created using distance technology for the purpose of facilitating interethnic, cross-cultural communication," said Alec Kirby, of the department of social science.

At Stout, nearly 2 percent of the student body is Asian and 1 percent is African American. Latino and Native American students each make up less than 1 percent of the population. In contrast, the student population at Cerritos College is 45 percent Latino, 26 percent Caucasian, 20 percent Asian, 8 percent African American and 1 percent Native American.

"Since we are limited in our ability to bring an ethnically diverse population to campus, we will bring the campus to an ethnically diverse population," Kirby noted.

Kirby is currently teaching an American history course with John Haas, a social science instructor at Cerritos College. The two instructors take turns conducting lectures and leading discussions. According to Kirby, the lectures focus on individuals and groups who have suffered oppression in American history, from the post-Civil War years through the Reagan era. Students have the opportunity to share

their opinions and perspectives through discussion exercises.

Kirby noted that one challenge to teaching U.S. history to a homogeneous population of students is that the students tend not to consider how their race and surroundings may shape their perspectives.

"The biases and perspectives that students and instructors bring to the classroom influence what takes place there. Real learning cannot be achieved until those biases are confronted, discussed and analyzed," Kirby explained.

Both instructors encourage students to speak their minds and challenge each other's views. "We do not intend to obliterate the differences between the two classrooms," said Kirby. "If each campus preserves its individuality, we have something to discuss."

The Wisconsin Idea at UW-Stout and Cerritos College was named after the progressive reform program of Robert M. La Follette, who became governor of Wisconsin in 1901. La Follette's Wisconsin Idea centered on the need to modernize government for the 20th century and featured attempts to use education and technology to solve practical problems faced by common people.

"Our goal is the same," said Kirby. "We will modernize education for the 21st century, using technology to achieve a better cross-cultural understanding. In an increasingly diverse nation, this mutual understanding is critically important."

The long-range plan for the Wisconsin Idea at UW-Stout and Cerritos College is to create a three-way link between Stout, Cerritos College and Xavier University in New Orleans. Xavier University's student population is 88 percent African American, said Kirby.

According to Kirby, the links will create a learning community between Stout and Cerritos College history students and, secondly, between the Stout English composition students and philosophy students at Xavier University.

"At points in the semester, we plan to unify the triangle and hold discussions that include all three campuses on topics that cut across course material lines," he explained.

Students involved in the three-way link will become familiar with a wide range of technologies. Besides using teleconferencing, students will gather information from the Web, communicate with each other via e-mail and take part of their course online.

The idea to link classes with Cerritos College sprouted when Kirby and Brian Fitch, of the English and philosophy department, met Ana Torres Bower, Cerritos College dean of social science, at a national conference on learning communities last March. "The learning community movement is sweeping the United States, and Cerritos College is a leader in the movement," Kirby explained.

Fitch and Kirby have published writings and given presentations on methods of using case studies to structure learning communities. In addition, they have been active in the Bridge program in the College of Arts and Sciences that places at-risk students in learning communities in order to improve their academic performance.

"The Wisconsin Idea will introduce students to new perspectives, bridging a thousand miles and generations of racial and ethnic experiences," said Kirby.

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# Global response

## Professor uses Web to share information worldwide

Amazing things can happen on the Web. Alan Scott, an assistant professor in UW-Stout’s physics department, helped a student in another country win a trip to the Antarctic.

Erick Nilson Souto, a law student at Pontific Catholic University (*PUC*) in Minas Gerias, Brazil, first e-mailed Scott in August. He said the Brazilian government would award the trip to the PUC student who wrote the best paper about the Antarctic region.

Souto asked Scott for “fresh” and “updated” information on the region. Scott said he sent back a list of suggested resources on the area.

Recently, Souto e-mailed Scott to announce he won the contest and traveled to “Estação Antártica Comandante Ferraz,” a research base in the Antarctic.

“I didn’t really supply him with that much information, but I was glad I was able to help him out,” Scott said.

The physics department has been using the Internet as a teaching tool for many years. Scott’s class, Introduction to Geology and Soil Mechanics, is one

of their Web-based courses. He has lecture notes and related links on the course’s homepage. People from around the world have e-mailed him through his website.

Scott said some people have questions that he could spend three or four weeks researching in order to answer them well. “You really have to find a balance between doing your best to help them out, but not doing their work for them,” he explained. “So, I send them in a direction that I think could be fruitful, but don’t spend time writing detailed answers.”

A student studying A-level physics in the United Kingdom e-mailed him for information on how buildings respond to earthquakes. A civil engineering student at the University of Western Australia in Perth, Australia, wrote to ask if he could quote Scott’s Consolidation/Settlement of Soils paper in his thesis.

Scott doesn’t only get questions. He receives compliments, and even some criticism. A student at the University of Alberta, working toward his master’s in geotechnical analysis and mining, e-mailed to thank

Scott for his efforts and said he would tell his class about the site. And a civil engineer in Turkey said he appreciated that the pages were “easy to understand,” and wondered if he could follow Scott’s lectures from Turkey.

A geology student in Spain noticed an inconsistency between data on a table and a formula Scott presented. “It prompted me to go back and look at it carefully,” Scott said. “He was right. I checked my references and the equation was also wrong in a textbook.”

He sent the student a thank-you note. “I want to minimize the number of errors in my Web pages. I was fascinated that he was able to spot it,” Scott noted.

Scott plans to cut back his Introduction to Geology and Soil Mechanics class to Introduction to Geology. The construction program staff, with the assistance of the physics department, plans to develop a soil mechanics laboratory. The lab will give students in the construction program valuable hands-on experience. “I haven’t yet developed a good way to do that via the Web,” he said.

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**Alan Scott**

# High-charged research

## NASA project analyzes lightning

John Rompala, a professor in the physics department, began his lightning research at the Kennedy Space Center (*KSC*) during the summers of 1991 and 1992. This past summer, Rompala had yet another opportunity to tackle his research when he received a NASA/American Society for Engineering Education Summer Faculty Fellowship through the University of Alabama-Huntsville.

For 11 weeks, Rompala worked with the Global Hydrology Climate Center (*GHCC*) at the Marshall Space Flight Center.

According to Rompala, GHCC’s primary interest is meteorology. They gather information mainly from ground stations and satellites that monitor things like rainfall and lightning strikes.

“At KSC I tried to determine where the electrical

charge is in a cloud, and how that ties into an electrical strike and a lightning burst,” he explained.

Rompala said his work dealt primarily with data from four ground lightning detectors spread about 300 miles apart in the rainforests of Brazil. By tying together the information he gathered from the ground stations with the lightning data collected from the satellites, GHCC hopes to gain a good understanding of lightning and what tropical storms are all about.

Brazil, with the help of NASA, is in the process of developing a ground detector system similar to the one in the United States. NASA has acquired valuable global climate data in return, Rompala explained.

Rompala called his summer fellowship a “break-in experience. They brought me in and showed me the ropes.” He had the chance to communicate with people

who were working on projects a little different from his main interest. “I am not an ‘in the field’ sort of scientist. I’m a scientist that deals more with modeling and analyzing data. I got the chance to learn some new techniques in math modeling and writing software,” he explained.

He praised the program and the people involved, and encourages others to apply for the fellowships. “These are such dedicated and talented people, it is bound to rub off on you,” he said. “You develop that enthusiasm and sense of commitment. I hope to bring some of that back here to Stout.”

Rompala expects to return this summer to continue his research. “Everyone seemed to think that what we began last summer should be continued,” he said.

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**John Rompala**

# Practical Hmong

## Stout the first UW System institution to offer Hmong language course

The first formal Hmong language class to be taught in the University of Wisconsin System is being offered during this semester at UW-Stout.

Titled Practical Hmong I, the two-credit pilot course is for faculty and staff who work with Hmong students, for native U.S. students interested in the Hmong culture and for Hmong students themselves, who will use it to improve their writing skills.

The course is created and taught by Ken Her, who saw a need for such an offering during his involvement with the Hmong Student Association.

Her is an applied psychology graduate student and has worked as an adviser in the Multicultural Student Services Office for the past six months. His course is part of a federally funded program, titled Project Teach for Hmong Students. According to Her, the program supports Hmong students on the UW-Stout, UW-Eau Claire and UW-La Crosse campuses who wish to get into the teaching field.

Herr said the 24-member class might prove to be a challenge. “With such a big class, I probably will need assistance. Language is so difficult to learn,” he said. “I have Hmong students who speak the language, but need to learn to read and write it. On the other hand, I have students who cannot already speak Hmong, so I will need to translate.”

Her said his class meets many needs. It can help faculty and staff who work daily with Hmong students. Also, any student interested in the Hmong culture, especially those who plan to work with the culture, can learn more about it, he noted.

Her currently collaborates with the early childhood and human development and family studies programs, because the students in those programs will likely work with Hmong children in Wisconsin and Minnesota schools. “I hope to create a better environment, so English-speaking and Hmong communities communicate more about culture and history,” Her said.

He also recognized a need to get the Hmong language to Hmong students. He conducted surveys that indicate the longer a Hmong student has been in the United States, the less they retain the Hmong language.

“First generation Hmong college students have problems with English because they have not mastered the Hmong language first,” Her explained. “They know how to speak Hmong, but not how to read and write it.” Because English is the first written language they learn, Hmong students have trouble translating what they hear into a written form, he added.

According to Her, missionaries created the written

form of the Hmong language in 1952. Because of the Vietnam War, many Hmong did not learn to read and write it until they escaped to other countries after the war, he said.

“People in the 30 to 40 age group had the chance to learn the written language while they were in refugee camps,” Her explained. “Then when they arrived in other countries, the learning process stopped again, because the younger generation focused on learning a new language.”

Originally from Laos, Her traveled to a refugee camp in Thailand when he was 17. He said he did not qualify for legal refugee status because he came “late.” He was jailed for one year. Her said he then went through a four-year process to attain legal status, complete paperwork and learn basic English skills. He said he also waited a year for the rest of his immediate family, but they did not come.

When he arrived in the United States at age 22, he stayed in Syracuse, N.Y., for one month. He then moved to Madison to be closer to Hmong communities. Also, a friend told him Wisconsin has a good education system, and he was interested in an education, an interest that eventually brought him to UW-Stout and led to the start of this new offering.

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**Ken Her**

# Making News

## People You Know

**Diane Christie**, mathematics, statistics and computer science, and **James Maxwell**, business, have been appointed 2000–2001 Wisconsin Teaching Fellows. Wisconsin Teaching Fellows are selected from UW System faculty and academic staff in their first 10 years of college teaching who display strong potential to become outstanding teachers at the undergraduate level.

**Sheri Klein**, art and design, was named the Outstanding Art Educator in the Higher Education Division for 1999 by the Wisconsin Art Education Association. This honor is awarded to a WAEA member who has made significant contributions to the division on the local, state and national level. Klein was nominated by art teachers in the New Richmond School District. Klein has been a member of UW-Stout's art and design department since 1993. She supervises student teachers and teaches methods courses. She has been the recipient of numerous grants, and has published her research in national and international journals.

**Mary Riordan** has been named director of Diversity at UW-Stout. As director she will monitor progress on Plan 2008, UW-Stout's Strategic Plan for Achieving Diversity. Riordan has worked in Student Services at UW-Stout for 20 years, as director of the Academic Skills Center and as an adviser in the Advisement Assistance Center. She was the adviser to the Hmong Stout Students Organization for two years and has been the adviser to the Black Student Union for five years. She has received numerous awards from the multicultural students and, in 1998, was the recipient of the University Service Award. In February 1998, Riordan was named multicultural/disadvantaged coordinator, and in July 1999 she assumed the position of director of Multicultural Student Services.

## Engineering program receives accreditation

UW-Stout's undergraduate manufacturing engineering program has received national accreditation, a milestone recognition by the Accreditation Board for Engineering Technology. ABET is the singular accrediting agency responsible for engineering programs in the United States.

UW-Stout's program is the only one in Wisconsin. Fewer than 20 undergraduate manufacturing engineering programs in the United States are currently accredited by ABET. "This accreditation is a mark of excellence, allowing the graduates from UW-Stout's manufacturing engineering program the opportunity to pursue employment alongside graduates from other prestigious engineering schools," said Pete Heimdahl, associate dean of the College of Technology, Engineering and Management.

Manufacturing engineers, who are involved with the production process from product design through post-sale service, are in great demand, Heimdahl said. UW-Stout began its program in 1994 in response to the needs of the marketplace. A 25-member Industrial Advisory Board made up of influential industrial figures helped direct the curriculum. "One goal is that these graduates will be able to step onto the [plant] floor and be productive immediately,"

said Bob Cervenka, CEO of Phillips Plastics. "But in the long run, we expect these people will help our entire company become more productive, through their knowledge of every step of the manufacturing process."

UW-Stout instructors who teach classes for the program come from a variety of backgrounds including mechanical, electrical, industrial and materials engineering. By taking such a variety of classes, the students "are pragmatic, because they are able to step into any role" said Dan Bee, director of the program.

Students in the program also get extensive hands-on experience. At UW-Stout, undergraduate students get the chance to use high-end manufacturing equipment, Bee said. During their senior year, manufacturing engineering students take two "capstone" classes in which they design products, and design and build a system that can manufacture a family of parts from raw material to a packaged product.

The average starting salary for program graduates in 1997–1998 was near \$40,000. Graduates report work with a variety of companies including Hutchinson Technology Inc., Kohler Company, Phillips Plastics and IBM.

## UW-Stout enters \$1.5 million contract

UW-Stout and Pepsi Cola have entered into an exclusive contract valued at \$1.5 million.

"The partnership will provide an additional source of money for UW-Stout's planned recreation complex, reducing the burden on students and others who have made a financial commitment to the new complex," said Bob Johnson, executive director of Student Life Services.

In addition, the contract will continue to generate money for student scholarships and programs offered by the Inter Residence Hall Council, a student government group.

UW-Stout is the first institution in the UW System to enter into such an agreement on a campuswide basis. "This type of contract is not unusual," Johnson noted. "Many universities throughout the country

have entered exclusive 'pouring right' contracts."

Under the seven-year "pouring right" pact, only Pepsi products will be sold or distributed on university property and at university events. The changeover has already begun.

According to Johnson, Pepsi will also increase the number of vending machines on campus to provide better service for students, faculty and staff. Mountain Dew, a Pepsi product, has typically been the campus's biggest seller, he said.

Money will be generated through "up front" money from Pepsi, annual payments from the company and sales commissions. A campus committee recommended awarding Pepsi the contract following a competitive bidding process open to all vendors.

## NWMOC project receives national recognition

A manufacturing outreach center located at UW-Stout has been given national recognition for a project designed to increase the efficiency of a La Crosse sheltered workshop.

The project by the Northwest Wisconsin Manufacturing Outreach Center (NWMOC) was selected as "outstanding" in the technology transfer category by the National Association of Management and Technical Assistance Centers during the organization's Project of the Year Awards competition.

The La Crosse shelter, Riverfront Incorporated, employs 115 and uses public funds for packaging,

collating and mailing services. NWMOC developed "flow manufacturing" procedures for the shelter's button packaging line. Through this process, the shelter realized dramatically reduced work in process, yields five to six times greater, cycle time reduced from four days to 43 seconds, and floor space reduced from 2,400 to 168 square feet. Because of these gains, 32 percent of the clients were assigned to other projects.

NWMOC is a partnership between UW-Stout and Chippewa Valley, Wisconsin Indianhead, Western Wisconsin, Northcentral and Nicolet Area technical colleges.

## UW-Stout delivers expertise through new outreach unit

Business, industry and people who need to learn in nontraditional settings will reap the benefits of a new outreach unit at UW-Stout.

Called Stout Solutions: Delivering Customized Learning and Research, the unit will open the doors to new audiences who are not currently served by the university.

"Through Stout Solutions, the university's program development specialists, technical delivery specialists, marketing specialists and research and funding specialists will work hand-in-hand with faculty to build programs that meet the delivery needs of potential learners," said Christopher Smith, interim executive director of Stout Solutions.

According to Smith, a desired, but not exclusive, function of the new unit is to develop specially designed education. "Stout Solutions will work closely with business, industry and government agencies to identify the needs of their employees and other nontraditional learners," Smith explained. The unit will then build on the experience of faculty, such as those who work through the Stout Technology Transfer Institute, the Northwest Wisconsin Manufacturing Outreach Center and the Stout Vocational Rehabilitation Institute, to create educational offerings that break learner access barriers of place and time.

"Within the next five years, this unit will help position the Stout campus as a leader in the delivery of outreach education, and will also put us in a strong position to offer education via a variety of

learning technologies," Smith noted.

Smith pointed out that many adult and commuting students, as well as companies interested in employee training, are beginning to shop around for distance education courses. They can make choices based on their educational needs rather than where they will need to travel for courses.

"Computer-based course deliveries are hot," Smith said. "Without taking this step, the campus is at risk of losing new markets that are reached electronically."

UW-Stout is currently building a new \$8.3 million communication center that will house all the campus's information technology components, including cutting-edge distance education technologies. The campus also recently hired a coordinator of Web-based instruction to help faculty enhance their traditional courses with Web material, or redesign courses for full-online delivery.

"The new Communications Center is an example of the commitment UW System has made to build the infrastructure of the future," Smith said. "Hiring a Web coordinator and support staff illustrates UW-Stout's commitment to build the faculty of the future. Stout Solutions is the next level of commitment, putting an entity in place that includes all the development, delivery, support, contracting and research personnel and resources needed to build the university of the future."

Additional information is available at solutions@uwstout.edu or 715/232-1987.

## Outstanding research recognized

Charles Bomar has been named UW-Stout's Outstanding Researcher, and Jo Jalowitz and Colleen Rogers received the Nelva G. Runnalls Research Support Recognition Award.

Bomar was chosen by a vote of the graduate faculty and principal investigators of extramurally funded projects during the past year. The Outstanding Researcher Award recognizes individuals for their leadership and significant contributions to research and scholarly activities.

Jalowitz and Rogers were recognized for providing support and resources to faculty and staff to pursue their research and scholarly activities.

Bomar is an associate professor in UW-Stout's biology department. His primary research interest has been on grasshoppers associated with restored and remnant prairies in western Wisconsin. His research has been funded, in part, because of his extensive collaboration with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and the UW-Madison Arboretum.

These collaborations have resulted in a variety of outcomes including the identification of numerous remnant prairies in western Wisconsin and the ongoing determination of insect biodiversity on these remnant sites. Bomar has surveyed more than 100 sites in western Wisconsin and has processed approximately 50,000 insects for identification including more than 50 species of grasshoppers in Dunn County alone.

Bomar has served as a partner with the Midwest Prairie Invertebrate Survey to identify grasshoppers collected from the Midwest. Research has been published in national and international journals such as "Ecological Restoration North America," and the "Siberian Journal of Ecology."

Through his work with the UW-Madison Arboretum, Bomar has developed partnerships with six area school districts to establish prairie restoration concepts in the classrooms. He is a founding officer and current president of the West Central Prairie Enthusiasts, an organization of more than 150 members who are active in prairie restoration in western Wisconsin.

Jalowitz is the budget officer for the College of Human Development and the Stout Vocational Rehabilitation Institute. She began at UW-Stout in 1975 as a receptionist in the Vocational Development Center. Due to the rapid increase in client service accounts, she assumed responsibility for grants accounting. By the mid-1980s, her responsibilities had grown into a key role in the fiscal management of all client service center grants, con-



Bomar



Jalowitz



Rogers

tracts and their related accounts.

Jalowitz has been instrumental in developing and organizing data and fiscal policies to meet the accreditation standards of the Commission on Accreditation and Rehabilitation Facilities. She has also had a lead role in developing a computer-based management information system enabling improved management of the service operations of SVRI. She has had a major responsibility for development and design of fiscal outcome measures, including the establishment of fee-for-service rate structures.

Jalowitz has primary responsibility for billing and reconciling accounts with state vocational rehabilitation agencies which total more than \$1.2 million. She works with principal investigators in the development, implementation and closeout of these grants. In addition, Jalowitz' duties have expanded to include serving as budget coordinator for the College of Human Development.

Rogers is the business manager for the College of Technology, Engineering and Management. She started her career at UW-Stout in 1978 as a typist in the library. She then worked in Rental Resources, where she began working with budgets, bookkeeping and related accounting activities. In 1987, she moved to the Business Office, where her duties included serving as secretary to the controller, managing the Business Office's fiscal records and assisting with budget development.

In 1990, Rogers moved to her current position, where her duties included developing a computerized database for school accounts and personnel tracking. She assists faculty and staff in structuring and carrying out budget requirements for grants and contracts at the college level. She also provides direct account management for nearly 100 accounts and provides oversight to the college's centers, such as the Center for Training and Technical Education and the Stout Technical Transfer Institute.

Rogers has been actively involved in budget and planning support for many new initiatives in the college, including the STEPS program, the St. Paul Companies and several technology education grants.

# Stout Foundation Report

## Construction risk control partnership formed

The St. Paul Companies - 12/13/99

The St. Paul Companies, UW-Stout, the Construction Safety Council and the construction industry have teamed up to form the Construction Risk Control Partnership. Their goal is to provide educational opportunities for current construction professionals and to train future construction industry leaders who are capable not only of efficient and effective project management, but preventative job site safety as well.

"The construction industry is coming to understand what we have always known-that safety is about behavior," said Dan Murphy, vice president-Risk Control. "After witnessing the positive impact the University of Wisconsin-Stout program is having on the construction leaders of tomorrow, the industry is willing to invest in it. They now understand that they're investing in the future."

### Looking to the Industry

To further this objective and expand the program beyond UW-Stout to other universities, the partnership is reaching out to the entire construction industry for support and has requested donations to fund an endowed professorship. Miron Construction Company has made a financial commitment of \$100,000 each year, for the next three years, towards this professorship. The goal is to raise \$2 million so the program is self-sustaining and independent of the university budgeting process.

This program is a result of the partnership St. Paul Risk Control initiated with UW-Stout in 1996. After hiring a number of graduates from UW-Stout's construction program, Murphy met with John Olson, director of UW-



Chancellor Charles Sorensen; Dan Murphy, St. Paul Companies; and Dave Voss, Miron Construction.

Stout's Risk Control Center, and Hans Timper, program director of UW-Stout construction undergraduate program, to review the curriculum. They determined that while the program was very thorough on traditional subjects such as engineering, project management and budgeting, it did little to address safety issues.

### Safety and lesson plans

They decided to work together to round out the program, deciding which classes could integrate safety material into the lesson plan. The curriculum was revised to provide a greater focus on safety-the first of its kind in the United States.

"What was groundbreaking at first is now part of our regular curriculum-and we're setting the pace for other educational institutions throughout the U.S.," Olson said. "Stout provided the forum and the minds ready to learn. St. Paul Risk Control provided the safety expertise and continues to play an ongoing role in our curriculum development. It has evolved into a true partnership-we both bring something to the table."

## New officers on board

The Stout University Foundation Board of Directors, a 40-member board that facilitates the fund-raising activities of UW-Stout, recently elected two new members, Gloria Kelly '68, human resource consultant, Madison, Wis., and Gaylan (Gus) Myran, plant manager, Phillips Plastics, Eau Claire, at its annual meeting.

Officers were also appointed at the meeting. Dale Granchalek '69, first vice president and legal counsel for Bank One in Chicago, is the newly appointed president.

Executive committee members include Kim Entorf '84, immediate past president, principal for Bayport Properties, Corcoran, Minn.; Linda Funk '76, vice president, vice president of marketing for the Milk Marketing Board, Madison; Karen Martinson '82, treasurer, UW-Stout's business department; and Donna Albrecht BS '68 MS '69, secretary, UW-Stout's technology department. Executive committee members serve two-year terms.



Martinson



Granchalek



Funk



Albrecht

## Construction of Recreation Complex slated for July

Recently you received a packet of materials about a new UW-Stout recreation complex. The brochure highlights all of the programs which will be incorporated into the new facility.

The Menomonie School District, and the university have shared recreational and athletic space of a period of 40 years. As a result of public, community/university meetings to discuss and evaluate the current and future educational and recreational facilities, a comprehensive plan was developed to address the needs of all the users.

Construction on the recreational complex is scheduled to begin in July. It will provide

recreational spaces for tennis, softball, volleyball, track and field, soccer and football. There will be an indoor climbing wall, basketball courts, an area for in-line skating, and soccer fields, aerobics, and space for community events. For example, Drum Corps International has expressed interest in using the stadium.

The \$7.2 million complex will be funded by the students, city, school district, county and private gifts. The campaign brochure describes numerous naming opportunities available to donors. See page 14 of your brochure for more information on these opportunities.

### Stout University Foundation

## Annual Fund

Greetings from the phonathon calling team. Over the past few months we have worked very hard to contact alumni in an effort to reach our goals. In honor of the new millennium, our goals are to encourage 2,000 new donors to participate in the annual giving program with an overall goal of \$200,000.

We are looking forward to contacting the parents of all students this spring. With each new year, we look forward to talking with all of you about the university and Menomonie.

Thank you for your continued support of our calling program and for your dedication to the university.

### Quotes from our callers

"Working for the Foundation has taught me a great deal about the entire University."

Jess, junior

"Thanks for taking time out of your busy schedules to talk with me and support our cause!"

Larissa, sophomore

"Talking with the alumni really brightens my day."

Shannon, freshman



Fall 1998 phoneathon callers. Row 1 (l-r): Michelle Hintz, Shannon Witte-Sommerfeld. Row 2 (l-r): Sara Merriman, Angie Reynolds, Jessi Bierke and Christopher Manka. Row 3 (l-r): Larissa Kaderavek, Jessica Meitzel and Julie McMurray.

"I'm looking forward talking with you about the university and upcoming events here in Menomonie."

Michelle, junior

On behalf of the entire calling team, we thank you and are anxious to talk with you again soon. We would also like to send a huge thanks out to all of our donors who have taken the time to have their contributions matched by their employers. We appreciate your added support to our program.

### Recreation/Athletic Complex Tile Walkway

Inscribe your name on a commemorative tile and mark your place in Stout's history. Order a Terrazzo Tile to be inscribed with your family name, friends, business or organization. Tiles may be purchased as gifts, memorials or honorariums as well. Your purchase will support the construction of the new indoor-outdoor recreational/athletic complex on the UW-Stout campus while enhancing the beautification of the new walkway around the stadium. Show your support of this project by ordering your Terrazzo tile today. Space is limited.

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# Scholarships

## Sonja Marie Bengtson Scholarship

From a very early age, Sonja Marie Bengtson '99 loved clothing, fashion and drawing. She chose to attend UW-Stout because of its fashion design program. She especially valued her exchange experience at the American College in London. According to her parents, she gained valuable technical and professional skills while thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to experience the fashion world of London.

In addition to formal educational opportunities, Sonja kept abreast of the fashion world through subscriptions to more than 10 fashion magazines. She seemed to have a natural gift for fashion trends. In a letter to a prospective employer she wrote, "I am drawn to this position because I will be able to use my creative abilities and strong sense of future trends in design and color to assist in the apparel designing process."

Two months after graduating from UW-Stout, Sonja died of injuries suffered in an

automobile accident. Sonja had charisma and a powerful spirit. She used these strengths to make others feel loved and encouraged them to reach their full potential.

The Bengtson family, in memory of Sonja Marie, has endowed a scholarship to fund international exchange opportunities for students majoring in apparel design/manufacturing. Donna Albrecht, a faculty member in the apparel design/manufacturing program noted "Sonja was a creative designer. She loved life and particularly loved her study abroad experience. Her energies and talents are missed. We're very grateful to the Bengtson family for their generosity and their vision to help other students further their educational experiences by providing the study abroad scholarship."

The first travel scholarship will be awarded in the fall.



Bengtson

## David Tillman Graphic Arts Scholarship

David Tillman '75 has established a scholarship in the graphic arts area. "I am excited to be able to create the scholarship for the talented students who major in graphic arts," Tillman said. "I have enjoyed my career in the field and it has given me the opportunity to work with great people all over the United States. Jean and I are having fun with our young son, Joshua, teaching him all the wonderful things the world has to offer."

Tillman received a BS in Industrial Technology and an MBA from the College of St. Thomas in 1981. "I have worked in sales and management at the Banta Catalog Group in

St. Paul for 23 years," he said. "For years I have had the desire to give something back to UW-Stout. It is my way to say thank you to all the great teachers and students along with all the life's little lessons I learned during my days at UW-Stout."

Tillman's scholarship will support an individual majoring in graphic communications management and the first scholar will be selected this fall.



Tillman

## Arland and Eleanor Larson Manufacturing Engineering Endowed Scholarship

Arland Larson worked for McDonough Manufacturing during his lifetime and enjoyed designing and building machinery for the plant. He also built his home. Arland passed away three years ago. In his memory, Eleanor has endowed a scholarship for talented students majoring in manufacturing engineering who enjoy the challenge of designing and creating.

Eleanor worked for many years at Uniroyal

as a statistical operations officer. Both enjoyed traveling after retiring from their respective employment. Eleanor indicated, "Arland would have enrolled in Stout's manufacturing engineering program if he had the chance. It would have been the right major for him."

The first scholar will be announced this fall.

## American Edge Real Estate Scholarship

American Edge Real Estate Services Inc., was established September 1989. Initially formed as a property management company, American Edge has developed into a full service real estate company. They provide brokerage representing sellers or buyers; property management of residential, commercial and retail property; construction management; general contracting; and land development services.

"The community and real estate profession has been good to us," explained owners Emilie and Peter Wiese who have served as officers for the local Board of Realtors,

coordinated fundraisers for the community groups and participate in a variety of local organizations. "We wanted to give back something which would benefit the students at UW-Stout."

The first American Edge scholarship in the amount of \$500 will be awarded this fall. Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen noted, "So many students are in need of financial assistance, and we're very appreciative of Emilie and Peter's effort to provide assistance to help students earn their degree."



American Edge

## The James E. and Kathryn A. Cook Endowed Scholarship

James E. Cook enrolled at Stout in 1949 and received the first Alumni Scholarship Award in the amount of \$75 dollars. He said, "I was always grateful for the help, and in 1949 that was a substantial scholarship." Following graduation in 1953, he moved to Michigan and established the industrial arts department at Bangor High School. He taught all the general comprehensive shop classes. He moved to Monroe, Mich., and rebuilt the high school drafting program. After completing his doctorate in 1971, the family moved to Battle Creek, Mich., and he was hired by the Kellogg Community College. He remained there until retirement in 1986. During his tenure at the community college, he served as dean of instruction, vice president for research and development and executive vice president.

Since retirement, Kathryn and James enjoy traveling and participating in the RV Care-A-Vanners, helping build homes with Habitat for Humanity.

The first scholarship will be awarded in

September 2000 to a student majoring in technology education, vocational technical and adult education or industrial technology, and who is in need of financial assistance and has attained at least sophomore status.

"The education and training received by Stout's many graduates enables them to do great things and be leaders in their field. James E. Cook was such a graduate, and the James E. and Kathryn A. Cook Endowed Scholarship is an exemplary example of a graduate coming full circle," said Howard Lee, interim dean of UW-Stout's College of Technology, Engineering and Management. "The scholarship will enable a student in the College of Technology, Engineering and Management to subsidize the high cost of today's education. We would, no doubt, expect great things from the recipient, as James E. Cook has demonstrated."



The Cooks

## Kimberly Clark Packaging Scholarship

UW-Stout is proud of its many partnerships with business and industry. Kimberly Clark is such a partner and has been a strong advocate of UW-Stout throughout the years. Kimberly Clark hires many Stout graduates who are working in the packaging division.

In appreciation for the quality graduates, Kimberly Clark has established an endowment which will fund a \$1,000 scholarship each year for a qualified major. The first award will be presented at the Foundation's scholarship award reception in September.

## Rudiger Family Endowed Scholarship

E. Robert Rudiger earned his BS and MS degrees at Stout, and an Ed.D. degree from the University of Missouri. He returned to teach at Stout in 1952 and retired in 1982. While at Stout he developed the department of industrial teacher education and the Stout Extension Program. He was active in professional organizations related to the NAITTE, and was chair of the Wisconsin Vocational Education Advisory Council for eight years. He served as the executive secretary of the Stout Alumni Association for 14 years and was instrumental in establishing the Distinguished Alumni

Awards program.

His late wife Ann, also received her BS and MS degrees from Stout. She taught at Stephens College and at Stout prior to her retirement. Their daughter, Roberta, received an MS degree in from Stout in 1987.

The Rudiger Family Scholarship will be available to students pursuing a vocational and technical education major, and the first award will be made this fall.



Rudiger

## Carl and Laura Seitz Endowed Business Administration Scholarship

Laura and Carl '47 Seitz, have endowed a scholarship for a junior or senior majoring in general business administration. Carl was president and CEO of Welders' Supply Company in Beloit, for many years before retiring to Arizona. Since retirement both he and Laura have enjoyed the antique business, and he especially enjoys golfing almost daily. While in Beloit, the Seitz's were involved in the UW-Stout Rock River Alumni Association and they currently attend alumni functions in

the Tucson, Ariz., area.

Karen Ferree, general business administration program director, remarked, "We are excited to have the scholarship for this program. The general business administration program is exceptional, and such a scholarship will honor students who are outstanding achievers. We are indebted to the Seitz's for their generosity."

The \$750 annual scholarship will be awarded in September.



# Alumni Association News

## Mixing technology and tradition

Great news from your alumni association. Our online directory is up and running!

So, what does all this mean for you? You will now have the opportunity to update your record online, keeping us informed of all the exciting activities (*marriages, births, career moves*) in your lives. This may also be used as a tool to assist you in locating former classmates or reconnecting with old friends. Employers may post job openings, a great way to recruit Stout graduates.

For more information on how to register please see the box below.

This online directory is another example of the tremendous changes in technology. I remember (*as a child — a very young child*) the old telephones where you used the crank to ring the operator. The changes that have occurred was brought to my attention just this past weekend. One day I'm in the office where I can have instant communication with alumni, family and friends — an open door to the entire world. I can find information about almost everything or even shop (*a woman's dream*) at the touch of a button, and the next day I'm on a sleigh ride in the back woods of Chippewa County.

As the horses were pulling the sleigh deeper into the woods, I was reminded of how far we have advanced. Although I'm extremely pleased

to use "modern technology," I was also grateful for the opportunity to experience a glimpse into the past. We all realize the importance of having some of each in our lives but rarely do most of us take the time to really experience (*or appreciate*) the beauty of what has been. I know you've heard this before but balance is the key word.

Stout has maintained that balance. We still have the tradition of James H. Stout and The Stout Manual Training School, as this university is still a 'hands on' institution. We also have been fortunate that our leaders (*presidents and chancellors*) have been visionaries and have kept UW-Stout on the 'cutting edge' of technology.

As an alumni, you can be very proud of your alma mater. We continue to move forward while maintaining our tradition.

### President's Message



Sue Pittman

## Alumni board rewarding experience

Greetings fellow alumni and friends of UW-Stout!

I am humbled and honored to write my first column as president of the Alumni Board of Directors.

Allow me to introduce myself to you. I am a 1984 graduate in business administration. I work for a law firm in Madison (*Quarles & Brady*) as a government relations adviser. That's a fancy way of saying lobbyist. I am originally from Whitehall, and now live in Sun Prairie with my wife, Robin and our six-year-old son, Phillip.

I spent 14 years working in state government and I am in my second year of lobbying, and am a very proud and loyal Stout graduate. That fondness for our institution, and a desire to be involved in the continued growth and development of Stout, prompted me to become involved as an active member of this board.

We have a terrific board with broad representation. Each member brings unique skills and experiences to serve the needs of all alumni. We have tried to channel the assembled strengths by conducting some pretty significant strategic planning to focus on how we can better meet the needs of the alumni of this fine institution.

One area where you will witness our extended service and outreach to our alumni is through our website. I would encourage you to take some time and visit. The address is

[www.uwstout.edu/alumni](http://www.uwstout.edu/alumni).

I would also like to draw your attention to the online alumni e-mail listing. I would like to encourage you to add your e-mail address (and website if you have one) to this list. I've had the pleasure of hearing from a few old friends through this listing, and it is really quite simple to sign up.

If you have any thoughts or ideas on how we can improve the services we provide, or suggestions on possible additional services, or how the alumni association can be more useful to you, please contact either alumni director Sue Pittman or myself.

I would also encourage you to contact us if you are interested in participating on the alumni board of directors. I think you will find the experience very rewarding!

In the meantime, we will do our best to continue to try and reach out to all Stout alumni and provide the services and information our alumni expect.

### President's Message



Tom Fonfara

## Stout Alumni Online!

The UW-Stout Alumni Association's online directory is now available for alumni to use. A link to the site is available on our homepage at [www.uwstout.edu/alumni](http://www.uwstout.edu/alumni), or you may go directly to the site at

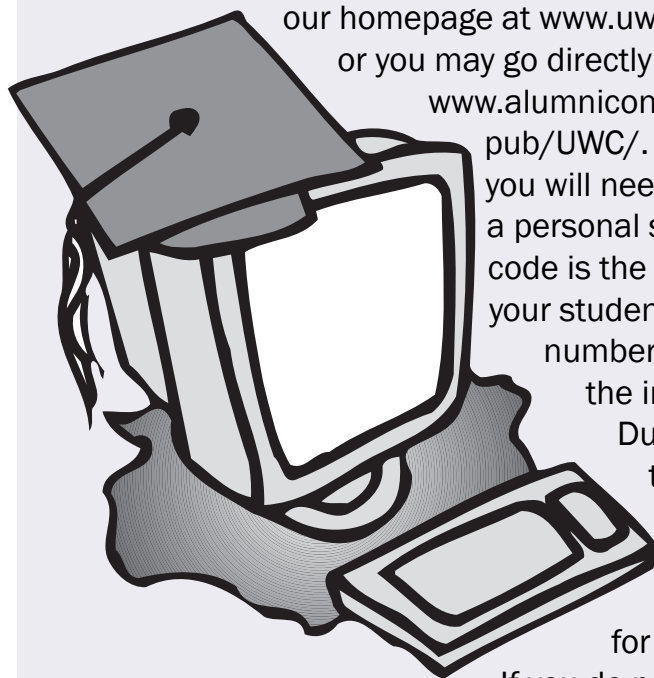
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If you have any questions about the online directory, you may contact us at [alumni2@uwstout.edu](mailto:alumni2@uwstout.edu).

**See you Online!**



## Vet's Club Reunion - Homecoming 2000 (Oct. 6-7, 2000)

**Friday-Cocktail reception and ceremony at Memorial Student Center**

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**Saturday-Parade (Vet's Club Kazoo Band) Football game Pig roast**

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## Gatherings

### Grads celebrate 50th anniversary



Twenty Stout grads were present to help John '51 and Beth '50 Robertson Yount celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. The celebration was held August 2, 1998, on Idyll Wood Island in Door County where John and Beth own a small summer resort. Row 1 (l-r): John Yount BS '51, MS '61, Bill Albrecht BS '51, MS '61. Row 2 (l-r): Bill Teich '78, Lisa Yount Goldney '78, Kathy Stapleton Yount '69, Gerry Erickson Wentorf '50, Fred Wentorf '50, Ruth Ann Christensen Stai '51, Veryl Sneed Albrecht '50 and Ruth Knowles Scholz '49. Row 3 (l-r): David Koelling '79, John Yount II '80, Lynn Goldney '74, George Yount '68, Wally Hammerberg BS '49, MS '54 and Vaughn Stai '51. Not pictured: Norma Nelson Hammerberg '49, Jeff Meyer '83 and Jodi Williams Meyer '85.

### Christmas gathering



A gathering of Stout grads at Grandview Terrace December 1999. Row 1 (l-r): Erika Watrous, Eunice Wedekind, Betty Otteson '40 and Phyllis Schwebke '42. Row 2 (l-r): Dick Trezona BS '41, MS '50, Peggy Trezona '46, Edgar Watrous, Norm Wedekind '41, Marcia Shirazi, Mehdi Shirazi '67, Art Otteson '40 and Howard Schwebke BS '43, MS '48.

### Friends forever



This group of friends has been meeting yearly since 1952. This was taken at their 47th meeting in 1999. Row 1 (l-r): Barbara Johnson Perry '51, Charles Mowbray BS '51, MS '57, Jerry Solie, Marilyn Erickson Solie '50 and Alice Billiet Ehresman '51. Row 2 (l-r): H. Walter Weiss BS '50, MS '70, Nancy Heartlein Weiss '51, Carolyn Blain Mowbray '51, Barbara Pech Urankar '51, Anna Banker Bender '51, Leverage Ablard Senn '52, Lyn McCarthy, Willard McCarthy '50.

### Hilton Milwaukee City Center



UW-Stout grads working at the Hilton Milwaukee City Center. Row 1 (l-r): Brady Aldrich '88, director of loss prevention; Laina Truss '95, assistant controller; and Janie Metcalf BS '85, MS '91, MS '96, director of human resources. Row 2 (l-r): Tricia Kilpatrick '94, catering manager; and Kristine Knutsen '90, executive housekeeper. Not pictured: Terry Houdek '74, senior sales manager; Marie Praefke '98, assistant banquet manager; Natalie Jelinek, sales intern summer 1999; and Carrie Rudek, human resources intern summer 1999.

### 1959 housemates reunited



Row 1 (l-r): Louise Grant Sloniker, Sister Janelle Athorp '59 and Dorothy Walter Schneider '60. Row 2 (l-r): Janice Weir Wilke '59 and Opal Burton Kunz '59.

### Nominations sought for awards

Nomination forms are now ready for the James Huff Stout, Distinguished, Outstanding and Service awards for 2000.

The Distinguished and Outstanding awards will be presented to alumni who are celebrating their reunion this year (1960, 1970, 1975, 1980 and 1990). Those graduates in the classes of '60, '70, '75 and '80 are eligible to receive the Distinguished Alumni Award, and those from the class of 1990 are eligible for the Outstanding Alumni Award. These awards will be presented during reunion activities.

The James Huff Stout award is open to UW-Stout graduates of any year, faculty, staff, administrators and former employees. The nominees should exemplify James Huff Stout's attitude and manner. This award will be

presented during homecoming activities October 7, 2000.

Friends and living graduates of UW-Stout may be nominated for the Service award. Nominees will exemplify the mission and ideal of UW-Stout in their daily lives by promoting intellectual competence, personal development and service.

Nominations for the Distinguished and Outstanding awards must be received by the alumni office at least two months prior to reunion activities, and for the James Huff Stout and Service award by August 31.

If you know of someone that should be considered for one of these awards please contact the alumni office.

# Alumni in the News

## Grads develop box office management software

Judy Kuehl Martens '68, and her husband James '70, are the owners of MarTech Systems, a company that has designed software for box office management, fairs, livestock shows and 4-H.

Judy graduated from Stout State University with a degree in home economics education, and taught high school and adult vocational home economics for 13 years. Changes in high school curriculums began to limit job opportunities at that time, so she returned to school and earned a degree in computer science.

After a year of work as a programmer with a telephone company, Judy left and began MarTech Systems Inc. on the front porch of her home. She was given the opportunity to develop a computerized database management system for 4-H and fairs within the state of Wisconsin.

The company has now grown from one to 11 full-time employees, and every county and state office within 28 states across the nation is using the 4-H program that started in Wisconsin. The fair management program, which has its roots in Marathon County in Wisconsin, is now being used by more than 575 fairs and livestock shows nationwide. Some of these shows include the National Western Stock Show in Denver and the Calgary Stampede.

Jim taught high school industrial education for eight years before accepting a position as printing instructor at Northcentral Technical College. He taught there for 20 years before leaving in 1997 and working for MarTech Systems full time.

While teaching, Jim worked with MarTech in the design and printing of all promotional and training materials, and also developed a system for printing theater seat tickets on laser

printers. This system allows tickets to use graphic designs at an economical price.

The Folio Box Office Management software that was developed from experience in marketing the laser tickets allows theaters and other venues to print tickets at the point of sale, and to track demographics and buying habits of customers. Jim currently is the head of this division within the company.

Judy's education in home economics and Jim's background in printing technology have both proven valuable to MarTech Systems. Judy's education included information on the Federal Cooperative Education System. This, combined with her personal experience in 4-H, gave her the contacts needed to get the initial input necessary for the development of the data management systems for fairs and 4-H.

She also conducts training seminars across the country and has done many presentations on computer software for professional organizations.

With Jim's background, MarTech is able to have professionally designed and produced promotional materials without the expense of having to go outside of the company for the work. His knowledge of typesetting was the basis for the development of the ticket printing system and, ultimately, the ability to control and vary ticket design within the new Folio program.

Jim also heads the design and production of computer supplies sold by MarTech.



Jim and Judy Martens

## Lewis accepts one-year position with National Science Foundation

Ted Lewis BS '74, MS '75 professor at the University of Minnesota (UMN), has taken a one-year position as a program officer for the National Science Foundation. He is on leave from the College of Education and Human Development at UMN for the one-year position. Through the next year, Ted will be giving advice on technological education and workforce education grant programs, and providing an insider's view in both areas.

Lewis came to UW-Stout with a group of fellow nationals from Trinidad and Tobago on a government-sponsored scholarship in January 1972. The government needed industrial arts teachers for new comprehensive and junior high schools.

At the time, he was one year into an economics degree at the University of the West Indies. He had previously graduated from a two-year teacher's college in Trinidad, where his mentor was Stout graduate Roland Maunday BS '66, MS '67.

Lewis's journey to Menomonie came soon after his marriage, and his daughter Rhea was born in Menomonie later that year. While at Stout, they lived at Fair Oaks married student housing.

During his time here, Lewis ran track, played chess and soccer, and kept close ties with the family of Douglas Stallsmith, then professor of industrial technology and cross-country track coach. He also remembers being intimidated by Chancellor Robert Swanson, and trying to get out of an international student dinner at his

house. Swanson would not take no for an answer, and picked up Lewis and his family for the event himself.

"The professors at Stout seemed to take a special interest in the Trinidad contingent and interacted a lot with them," Lewis said. Their interest has continued over the years also -- at least three Stout professors have visited Trinidad since Lewis' graduation at the invitation of alumni, Lewis said.

After graduating from UW-Stout with two degrees, Lewis returned to Trinidad to teach high school industrial arts and metalworking. He also worked in the Ministry of Education as a supervisor in a national apprenticeship program for recent high school graduates.

Lewis eventually went on to Ohio State University for graduate work in the fall of 1980 and received his doctorate in education in the spring of 1983. He then returned to Trinidad and had stints as a researcher in vocational education with the Ministry of Education and as an industrial trainer in a large sugar company.

In 1990, Lewis took an assistant professorship at the Minneapolis/St. Paul branch of the University of Minnesota, and in 1998 was promoted to professor.

Much of his success can be attributed to the education he received at UW-Stout, Lewis said. "My degree from Stout was really instrumental in launching my career," he said. All of the Trinidad students benefited greatly."



Lewis

### A Proud Tradition

## Stout Families

### The Balsimo sisters



(l-r) Dawn Balsimo Cole '91, Stacy Balsimo '95 and Gena Balsimo '93

The Balsimo sisters were on campus at the same time and all graduated in the same major - marketing education. Dawn is currently director for Human Resources with Papa John's Pizza; Stacy is a teacher at White Bear Lake High School in White Bear, Minn.; and Gena is an assistant principal at North St. Paul High School in St. Paul, Minn.

### The Cordy sisters



(l-r) Kathe Jean Balcom '74, Mary Ellen Wedam '61, Ruth Cordy (mother) and Nancy Joan Cordy '74

Kathe currently lives in Pittsville, Wis., and is employed at St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield, Wis. Mary Ellen retired in 1994 and now lives in Redstone Colo. Nancy Joan works with Dayton Hudson Corporation in Minneapolis and lives in Brooklyn Park, Minn.

### Braker/Moltzau/Walleen



(l-r) Rick Walleen '88, Sharon Walleen Zerpoli '84, Sandra Walleen Winter '82 and Susan Walleen Winter '81.



Hugh '36 and Orvetta Braker Moltzau '36



Dick and Billie Braker Walleen '58

Braker family Stout graduates include Myrtle Billings McDonald '10, Dean McDonald '02, Henrietta Braker Harris '29, Douglas Harris '30, Wayne Braker '35, Evelyn Adams Suomi '36, Harvey Adams '37 and Rebecca Adams Nelson '38. Other family grads are Billie Braker Walleen '58 and her children Susan Walleen Stevens '81, Sandra Walleen Winter '82, Sharon Walleen Zerpoli '84 and Richard Walleen '88; Marjorie Braker '79, Mark Neubauer '81 and Debra Meyer '79.

### Historic Playing Cards

Remember your days at UW-Stout with a fifty-two card deck featuring faculty, staff and administrators from Stout's history. Your purchase will help support honor scholarships for freshman at UW-Stout. Cost is \$10 per deck, which includes shipping and handling.

#### Get your deck by contacting:

Stout University Foundation  
320 South Broadway  
Menomonie, WI 54751  
715/232-1151  
alumni2@uwstout.edu



## Employer Profile

# Environmental Dynamics Corporation

In 1991, John Mylin '70 and Bill Benzel '69 purchased Environmental Dynamics, a small company in Sharon that manufactures water treatment equipment. Each with about 20 years of experience in the industry, John and Bill were ready and willing to put in the effort to make the company a leader in the field.

With a handful of carefully chosen employees, they proceeded to expand the business into an industry leader in the field of liquid purification, with customers throughout the world.

In 1999 alone, EDC shipped large systems throughout the United States and to Brazil, Argentina and Turkey. These computer-automated systems are used to produce ultra-pure water for the electronics industry, treatment systems for corn syrup, and other liquid purification systems for industry. Today, EDC employs more than 75 people, including four other Stout alumni.

Mylin, president of the company, notes that EDC is a privately held company with a portion of the shares held by employees. He firmly believes that total commitment to customer needs begins with employee ownership in the company.

"We want our customers to know we appreciate their business and must



(l-r): Kirsling, Koslowski and Mylin (Kampert not shown)

continuously earn their confidence and trust," he said.

EDC has been growing at approximately 25 percent per year and anticipates the growth to continue in the future. With the company growing as fast as it is, EDC is always looking for talented young people to fill new positions.

Because of the technical and academic excellence that has been a UW-Stout tradition for more than a century, EDC has hired three 1999 graduates—Jason Kirsling, Matt Mylin and John Kampert. Former Stout student Greg Koslowski is also employed by the company.

EDC has recruited from the industrial technology and manufacturing engineering programs at UW-Stout, and Mylin said their recruiting efforts will continue at the university.

Mark Mowbray BS '68, MS '71 is one of the shareholders and has been employed at EDC since 1995. "Our experience at Stout has prepared us to meet both technical and people oriented challenges," he said. "I am proud to be associated with two generations of Stout alumni, and am confident that our company's future is in good hands."



(l-r): Mylin, Benzel and Mowbray

## Schefchik named Menomonie small business person of the year

Brian Schefchik '81 was recently honored by the Menomonie Area Chamber of Commerce as the Small Business Person of the Year. Schefchik is owner and president of Schefchik Builders Inc.

Schefchik Builders was started in 1994 with five employees. In the years since then, the business has steadily grown, and now employs 45 people including two project superintendents and six key foremen. Several are Stout grads or former students.

From his time at Stout, Brian recalls classes he took from Courtney Nystuen. One project he is working on involves critiquing Nystuen's work, he said. "It used to be that he would critique our work, and now the shoe is on the other foot," Schefchik said.

Schefchik Builders have worked on many building projects in Menomonie including Junction Mall (Sears), Alternative Healing Arts,

Center for Independent Living, Cardinal FG and the Old 400 Depot Café among many others. They have also worked on structures in Eau Claire, La Crosse, Rice Lake, Baldwin and Glenwood City.

After graduating from Stout, Schefchik worked with Menomonie Builders Inc., for 12 years. While with Menomonie Builders, he was promoted to foreman, estimator/site superintendent and estimator project coordinator.

Trying new things in life is something that Schefchik firmly believes in. A framed quote in his office serves as a reminder of this. It says, "You never know how far you can soar unless you spread your wings and fly."



Schefchik

## Reminiscing

The setting for this little story is at a football game on a beautiful fall day many years ago at Stout.... I had just returned from six weeks of off-campus teaching, so I found myself somewhat out of touch with the new students on campus. A group of fellow Philomatheans were seated together, cheering the team on, but were being teased by some strange students who were seated in the row behind us.



One of them was wearing an unusual windbreaker that I remembered later when we encountered the same fellow in the school cafeteria. He surprised me when he asked if he could join us at our table, which he did. He wanted to sell his cafeteria ticket that he had to purchase as a transfer student to one of us, and he was willing to give her a "good deal." While they were dealing, I listened to him.

I casually said I liked his jacket, which was a striped pastel of pink, pale blue and lavender, and was so different from anything I had seen that I couldn't help but remark about it.

Don...I had learned his first name by now...told me that it was one of a kind, and so was he!

Before our meal was over, he had hinted at a date, and something told me that here was someone interesting and entertaining.

We were married in 1944 and celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1994. That is the way that particular encounter shaped my life.

So this is the little story about the pastel jacket, which only this last year was sent off to Goodwill Industries. When I saw a pastel jacket advertised in the Sunday paper, though, I had to order one for a surprise Father's Day gift for Donal Richard Halvorson!

**Elizabeth Rasmussen Halvorson '43**

An encounter with Eleanor Roosevelt, one of the most important women in American political history, was outstanding among cherished memories of Stout Symphonic Singers on concert tour in 1939. Invited to sing in the White House, we felt great admiration for this gracious lady of regal dignity. Her friendly warmth and genuine interest in students was a moving experience. After our concert in the East Room, we were greatly pleased when Mrs. Roosevelt suggested having her picture taken with us on the lawn of the White House. We treasured the visual record of this event so significant to the Singers.



Norton

We appreciated the vocal training gained in this choral group under the direction of Professor Harold R. Cooke, and the association and unity experienced through participation in this choral group.

Coming together for celebration of graduation anniversaries of the 1930s at UW-Stout brought into focus undergraduate experiences which contributed to foundations for personal and professional lives. While primary recognition must be given to the Stout academic program, which has been distinguished through the years by curriculum well-timed to social change, the wide variety of extracurricular activities available adds a significant dimension to the educational experience offered by Stout.

**Sidenote:** I know today's students wouldn't understand our enthusiasm in sharing our "rolling hotel." We had three old railroad coaches—two for women and one for men plus a baggage car. Two facing seats provided daytime sitting, and with one back made horizontal, this became a bed for two at night. We carried our own bedrolls.

We were the first post-depression group of students, so we hadn't grown up with elegance. When we were in a city, our rolling hotel was parked in the railroad yards. We did have a room at the Cairo Hotel in Washington (*long gone*), so we were bright and shiny in Washington. Of course, our "rolling hotel" had a miniature bathroom at each end of the coach. Before TV and air flights, this seemed a dandy way to see the country.

**Agatha Norton '39**

In 1941, The Stout Institute was just a name of a far-away college. I was a 16-year-old kid with no parents and was living with my sister until I finished high school. After graduation in June 1942, I worked for two months in a shoe factory (*a real attitude adjustment*), where I earned \$800 and decided to invest in college.



Benn

The technical education, along with academic subjects, was a program that fit my situation. This probably was the difference between success and failure in a tough Naval Aviation program that I was a part of during World War II. I returned to Stout after the war and completed my BS and MS degrees. At that time, I was the youngest person to receive a master's degree from Stout.

The understanding of technical skills, along with the principles of teaching and educational administration, has served me well in my life endeavors. These have included raising a family of three daughters, high school teacher, construction, Naval pilot, coaching, university pilot, associate professor, department head, aviation expert witness, Federal Aviation Administration pilot examiner, and election to the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame.

The Stout Institute has had a very positive effect on my life, and this has given me far more than I dreamed possible as a poor kid in the '40s.

**Omer Benn BS '48, MS '49**



# Blue Devil Report

## Five inducted into hall of fame

Four athletes and one coach from late 1980s were inducted into the UW-Stout Athletic Hall of Fame last October.

Inductees were golfer Steve Dahlby, swimmer Wendy Heineke, baseball pitcher Dan Larson, wide receiver Mark Rothwell, and coach Sten Pierce.

### Steve Dahlby

After returning to Menomonie and his hometown college, Steve Dahlby led a very talented UW-Stout golf team that captured back-to-back conference and NAIA District 14 championships in 1987 and 1988.

Dahlby returned to Menomonie after two years at NCAA Division I Northern Illinois and helped Stout advance to their first ever national team competition. Dahlby was a two-time medalist at both the WSUC and NAIA District 14 championships. During the 1988 WSUC championships, Dahlby fired a blistering 69 in the first round, and finished with a 54-hole score of 222. During his two years, Dahlby was the medalist at eight meets.

When the Blue Devils were at the national meet, Dahlby remembers Stout was the only nonscholarship school to make the top 15.

After graduating with honors, Dahlby played on the Florida professional golf tour for two years, then became a golf instructor, eventually leading him to Troon North Golf Club in Scottsdale, Ariz., where he is responsible for all instruction activity.

### Wendy Heineke

Wendy Heineke was perhaps the most dominant swimmer in UW-Stout history. During her four year career from 1986–89, Heineke captured four NAIA national titles, was a 23-time All-America recipient, won 14 WWIAC

titles, held conference records in three events, set 14 UW-Stout records and was the NAIA District 14 swimmer of the year in 1989.

Heineke, a native of Madison, won national titles in 1988 in the 50-freestyle and 100-backstroke and in 1989 repeated in the 50-freestyle and took the 100-freestyle.

Upon induction into the Stout Hall of Fame, her 100-freestyle conference record still stands and the 100-butterfly record was just broken during the 1998-99 WIAC swimming championships.

Heineke, a hospitality and tourism graduate, currently resides in San Diego, where she is the general manager of a Marriott Residence Inn, a facility she assisted in opening. Heineke has been employed by Sunstone Hotel Properties for seven years, quickly moving through the ranks, and has been the general manager at three properties.

### Dan Larson

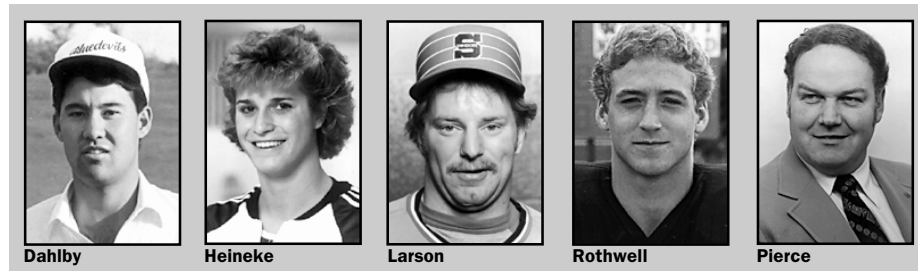
Dan Larson made his name known with two stints on the diamond at UW-Stout.

An all-conference pitcher in 1982 and 1983, and again in 1988 and 1989, Larson, a Boyceville native, was a dominant left-handed pitcher who still holds school records for most victories pitched (24), most strikeouts (147), most games pitched (46), and is second in most innings pitched (203).

A three time All-District player, Larson was named the District IV player of the year in 1989, as he helped Stout to the NAIA World Series where the team placed seventh.

Larson currently resides in Menomonie, where he coaches the local American Legion baseball team and works with numerous youth recreation programs.

He is a business education instructor at



Wabasha-Kellogg (Minn.) High School, where he has coached baseball and football. Larson was also an assistant baseball and football coach at Stout in 1993.

### Mark Rothwell

In just two seasons (1987 and 1988) with the Blue Devils, wide receiver Mark Rothwell set school records that stood for 10 years. His marks of most touchdown receptions in a season (9) and most touchdown receptions in a game (3) were just erased from the top spot last season. Rothwell still holds the mark for most receiving yards in a single game (213).

A 1988 GTE Academic All-America and an NAIA Scholar-Athlete, Rothwell was named second team All-America in 1987 and was team MVP in 1988.

Rothwell signed professional free agent contracts with the Cincinnati Bengals and the Green Bay Packers. He played professionally with Aquile Ferrara in the Federation of Italian American Football (FIAF), where he was three times named the team MVP and set six league records in a three-year career.

Rothwell currently resides in Dunwoody, Ga., a suburb of Atlanta, where he is employed by Coca-Cola as the manager of brand development for the Sprite product line.

### Sten Pierce

Sten Pierce came to Stout in 1965 as the head wrestling coach and an assistant football coach. During his tenure as wrestling coach from 1965–72, the Blue Devils won two conference championships — in 1966 and 1970 — produced 10 conference champions, five national qualifiers and five All-Americans.

Pierce was named the WSUC and NAIA District 14 wrestling coach of the year in 1966 and 1970. Pierce also helped in the development of John Peterson, who went on to win Olympic gold and silver medals.

Pierce took over as head football coach in 1970, coaching the Blue Devils until 1976 where he produced two All-Americans and five first team all-conference picks.

Pierce picked up the golf clubs in the mid-1980s, coaching the Blue Devils to three consecutive conference titles in 1987, 88, and 89, and NAIA District 14 titles in 1988 and 89.

Pierce retired as a full-time professor in the UW-Stout physical education department in 1995, but continued to teach on a part-time basis until his death in February 1999.

Pierce was an active member of the Menomonie Lions Club since 1970. An avid outdoorsman, he was a member of Pheasants Forever and Ducks Unlimited.

## Fall 1999 Season Review

Excitement is always in evidence when UW-Stout athletic teams take the field or court, and the 1999 fall season was no different.

### Soccer

A new coach and a new way of looking at the sport for the Blue Devil soccer team, as the Blue Devils finished with a 6-12 overall record under first year coach Dave Morris.

It took a few games for the Blue Devils to get in full gear, but once they did, it was off to the races as Stout won four of their last eight games and kept a couple of pretty impressive teams in check before that.

Stout had their biggest offensive explosion ever in a 12-0 rout of UW-Superior, Oct. 2. Becky Howard (So., Wauwatosa) was named the conference player of the week after dishing off five assists — a 1999 NCAA Division III season high - and scoring two goals. Nellie Sivertsen (Fr., River Falls) and Jessica Unterweger (So., Nashotah) both scored hat tricks.

Sivertsen finished the season with 14 goals, tying the school season record, and Howard recorded a school record 11 assists. Both were named to the all-conference team.

### Football

Frustrating was the only way to look at the Blue Devils' 2-8 season, a season where with a play here, a play there, and it could have been at least a .500 season.

The Blue Devils started off the season with a bruising ground attack in a 48-27 win over UM-Morris as Stout racked up a school record 622 total yards. But that was followed up with an overtime four-point loss to UW-Stevens Point in the conference opener.

The Blue Devils did pick up a win over arch-rival UW-Eau Claire when kicker Kevin McCulley (Jr., Fond du Lac) booted a 33-yard field goal with 15 seconds remaining for a 22-20 win at Eau Claire, and Stout could maintain bragging rights for another year.

McCulley, the team's leading scorer, was an all-conference first team pick, as was offensive lineman Jason Nesbitt (Sr., Burlington).

Named to the second team were center Jeff Hutter (Jr., Beldenville), wide receiver Jesse Diaz (Sr., Cottage Grove), nose guard Mike Purfeerst (Sr., River Falls), linebacker Jamie Spielman (So., Menomonie), and free safety Eric Lund (Jr., Ashland).

Named as honorable mention were fullback Ryan Patt (Sr., North Fond du Lac), linebacker Steve Miller (Jr., Lodi), cornerback Tony Beckham (So., Ocala, Fla.) and strong safety Jeff Opichka (Sr., Hartford).

### Volleyball

The Blue Devils leaned on its defense to finish with a 17-13 overall record, their third consecutive winning record, and a fourth place conference finish.

Stout logged 214 total blocks on the season and 1,665 digs.

Jenny Kraczek (Sr., Blaine, Minn.) and Brooke Palmer (So., Mantorville, Minn.) were named to the all-conference honorable mention team. Kraczek wrapped up her career with a school record 4,464 career assists. Palmer, a transfer from Southwest State, had 270 kills and 96 total blocks.

Tori Feit (Sr., Rushmore, Minn.) put the finishing touches on her career with a team-high 370 kills and 94 total blocks.

### Men's Cross Country

When UW-Stout's Tim Hamill (Sr., Brookfield) decided to redshirt last year's cross country season, his goal was to give himself an extra year to compete at the NCAA Division III Cross Country Championships - and Hamill achieved that goal. Hamill placed 153rd at the national meet in his second best time of the season. Hamill was the Blue Devils' top finisher at the conference meet, placing 20th. Eric Hanson (Sr., Winona, Minn) was 37th (26:00.41), Dave Huber (Fr., Mendota Heights, Minn) 38th (26:00.64) and Clint Latz (So., Lublin) 43rd (26:06.15). Stout was seventh at the conference meet and 10th at the regional meet.

### Women's Cross Country

Following the loss of two All-America runners, the Blue Devils needed to change their philosophy somewhat for the 1999 season, and coach Carlene Hochhalter liked what she saw in her charges.

Seniors Katie Kuffel (Minneapolis, Minn.) and

Jen Bahr (Forest Lake, Minn.), sophomore Amy Arndt (Lakeville) and freshman Lisa Sorvala (New Brighton, Minn.) juggled their positions all season as the Blue Devils' top runners. Sorvala placed ninth at the conference meet, and Arndt was Stout's top finisher at the regional meet.

Stout finished sixth at the conference meet and 13th at the regional meet.

### Tennis

When first year coach Keri Rocha took over the Blue Devil tennis program as the third head coach in three seasons only a few weeks before the season began, she knew she would need to work to rebuild the team concept.

By the end of the season, Rocha believes the team concept was evident in her team.

After the upcoming spring season, Rocha will need to continue to build up the team with the loss to graduation of senior Lauren Mader (Neenah). Mader finished her career with a 43-19 overall singles record and was the teams' No. 1 player for the last three seasons.

To follow the Blue Devils in more detail, visit the UW-Stout athletic web page often. Up-to-date statistics, game stories, photos and much more are available at

<http://www.uwstout.edu/athletics/>

# Alumni News

## Class Notes

### 1920-1969

**Phyllis Horning Griffith** '53, Reynoldsburg, Ohio, was recently installed as president of the American School Food Service Association. **Marilynn Watts Whitfield** '60 is co-owner of Corporate Printing, Glenview, Ill. **Avalene Drake Swanson** '61, New Richmond, has retired from Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College as assistant manager of continuing education. **Arvid Kamm** '62, Albuquerque, N. Mex., has been listed in Who's Who of Leading American Executives. He is the New Mexico manager of Road Machinery Co. **Ruth Lorch Schaffner** BS '62, MS '71 has retired from Fountain City Public Schools. She was a family and consumer education teacher. **Barbara Cook** '63 is an administrative services assistant at Harbour's Edge Retirement Home, Delray Beach, Fla. **Joseph** '63 and **Beverly Prahl Dietenberger** '64 have moved to North Freedom, Wis. Joe has retired after 36 years of teaching, 33 of them with the Ashwaubenon School District. **Kenton Schmidt** BS '69, MS '70, Manitowoc, has retired after 29 years of teaching technology education. His last years of teaching were at South Division High School, Milwaukee.

### 1970-1979

**Bird Norton Derrick** '70, Rigby, Idaho, has earned a master of education in human resource training and development from Idaho State University. In October she served on a task group to write standards for beginning professional/technical educators in Idaho.

**James Gregersen** '71, Racine, recently completed training to become a certified QS-9000 auditor. **Dana Jackson** '71, Ashland, has been named a member of the newly formed North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board. Jackson is currently director of education and JTPA director for the Wisconsin Indian Consortium. **Paul Rabbitt** '71, Hermosa Beach, Calif., is president of Rabbitt Analytics, a stock market research company.

**Daniel Cook** '72 has been named operations manger at NCS/Documents Division, Austin, Texas. **Delores Bitner Morud** '72 is manager of training and development at Treasure Island Resort and Casino, Red Wing, Minn.

**Richard Burdick** BS '74, MS '76, Greendale, is marketing education coordinator for Racine Unified School District. **Susan Hugg Malingowski** '74, Oconto Falls, was selected the 1999 Middle School Teacher of the Year for the Oconto Falls Area School District. She has been a family and consumer education teacher at Oconto Falls since 1976. **Rev. Nancy Wigdahl** '74 is system director for spiritual care at Health East, St. Paul, Minn.

**Patricia Scheibel Vollrath** '75, Sturgeon Bay, is an elementary guidance counselor for Sturgeon Bay Public Schools.

**Holly Hubbell** '76 is a contract specialist with the Military Sealift Command, Department of the Navy, Washington, D.C.

**Donald Thomas** '77 was named a principal of the firm, BWBR Architects, St. Paul, Minn. He is currently director of interior design.

**Walter Peterson** '78, Powder Springs, Ga., is sales manger at Seaquist Closures. **Kit Hoffman Werner** '78 was promoted from associate lecturer to lecturer at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Kit teaches full time in the Food and Nutrition Department, which is part of the School of Health Promotion and Human Development.

**Lynelle Stone** '79, Burnsville, Minn., is an E.B.D. instructor for Farmington I.S.D. 192.

### 1980-1988

**Robert Briese** '80, Mequon, is owner of the Chalet Motel and Breeze Inn which was named 1999 Business of the Year by the Mequon-Thiensville Chamber of Commerce. **Terry Daniels** MS '80, St. Paul, Minn., was recently elected vice president of the Minnesota Chapter of Certified Residential Specialists (CRS). CRS is the top designation for a residential realtor and held by only five percent of all realtors. Terry will serve as the organization's president in 2001.

**Jane Dederling** '81 has been named senior associate at Engberg Anderson Design Partnership Inc.,

Milwaukee. **Rhonda Johannesen** '81, State College, Penna., was promoted to vice president of campus services, College Park Communities, the largest owner/operator of student housing and related services in the United States. **Ruth Neubauer Schafer** '81 and '94, Eau Claire, is a family and consumer education teacher at Loyal High School.

**Steve Brady** BS '82, MS '87 is an industrial technology teacher at Eagle Ridge Junior High School, Savage, Minn. **Larry McGraw** '82 is a project engineer for Scimed/Boston Scientific Inc., Maple Grove, Minn. **Jeffrey VanHara** '82, Pleasant Prairie, is director of customer service at Bowne of Chicago.

**Toni Jensen Moore** '83 is a leisure travel specialist for Sato Travel, Fort McCoy. She is also a part-time instructor at Western Wisconsin Technical College and the youth director at Sparta United Methodist Church.

**Kirk Kamish** '84 is the owner/operator of Highland Farm, Atlanta, Ga. **John Link** '84 is a manufacturing manager for Jarp Industries, Schofield. **Connie Dorschel Ludy** '84 is a systems analyst with Associated Banc-Corp Services Inc., Green Bay. **Vicki Matheys** '84 is the owner/operator of Wee-B-Kids Child Care Centers Inc., Brookfield. **Joanna Shager Schulz** MS '84, Delavan, Minn., is a licensed psychologist celebrating ten years in private practice. After mediation training, Joanna is now a qualified neutral in alternative dispute resolutions for the state of Minnesota and has opened Hopeful Solutions Mediation in Blue Earth, Minn.

**Jeffrey Bzdawka** '85 is senior vice president at Pegasus Systems Inc., Dallas, Texas. **Joel Kirchner** MS '85 is a psychologist with Lifespan Behavioral Health Services, Eagan, Minn. **Steven Mais** '85, Marshfield, is a loan officer for Pioneer Bank.

**Edward Chase** '86 is a senior consultant for Power 2000, Naperville, Ill. **Sheila Geere** '86, Colorado Springs, Colo., has earned a master's in special education from the University of Colorado. She is a special education teacher for Widefield District #3/Pinello Elementary. **James Hanson** MS '86 is chair of the psychology department at Grand View College, Des Moines, Iowa. **Warren Jenquin** '86 is general manager of Arby's/Sbarro, Menomonie. **Mark Pasbrig** '86, Elk Grove Village, Ill., is a professor at Roosevelt University where he teaches accounting and computer courses. **Robert** '86 and **Katherine Leuck Vincent** '88 reside in Amery. Robert is a math teacher at Amery High School; Katherine teaches family and consumer sciences at Rice Lake High School. **Blaine** '86 and **Michelle Migas Yost** '86 reside in Appleton. Blaine is general manager at Curwood Specialty Films; Michelle is a stay-at-home mom.

**Adrian Amelse** '87, Saratoga, Calif., was promoted to product line marketing manager at Cisco Systems. **Gerald Fedie** BS '87, MS '88, Chanhasen, Minn., is national safety director at Adolfsen and Peterson Construction. **Susan Braatz Kerby** '87 is the owner of Tonn's Inc./Taco Bell, Stevens Point. She received the "Golden Bell's Best" award in 1998. **Scott Ledermann** '87, Waukesha, was promoted to product engineering manager at Norstar Aluminum Molds Inc. **Karen Nielsen-Traynor** '87, Knapp, is the chief financial officer for Baldwin Area Medical Center. **Mary Riordan** MEPD '87, Menomonie, has been named director of diversity at University of Wisconsin-Stout.

**Jay Dengel** '88 is production manager for Chartwells Campus Dining, Minnesota State University-Mankato. **Sonja Grauze Gella** '88 has been promoted to assistant controller at Centex Homes, Minnetonka, Minn. **Patrick Hansen** '88 is assistant general manager at Miramonte Resort, Indian Wells, Calif. **Jill Dhein Minette** '88 is assistant clinical dietetic director at Mayo Medical Center, Rochester, Minn. **Mark Toelle** BS '88, MS '92, Shullsburg, is a middle school principal for Black Hawk School District. **Ginny Williams** MS '88 is a guidance counselor at P.J. Jacobs, Stevens Point. **Peter Young** BS '88, MS '94, is the coordinator of the Cooperative Career Training Program and the Registered Youth Apprenticeship Program at Wright Technical Center, Buffalo, Minn.

### 1989-1992

**Barbara Bahn** '89 is a Montessori teacher at Morist Brothers International School in Kobe, Japan. **James Barnard** '89, Franklin, received a master of science degree in organizational leadership and quality in May 1999. He is an industrial engineer with Daimler Chrysler Corp., Kenosha. **Jeff Daniel** '89 is a program manager with Manufacturers' Services Ltd., Arden Hills, Minn. **Letha Fritsch** '89 is a foods and nutrition and foodservice teacher at Batavia High School, Batavia, Ill. **Mark Glen** BS '89, MS '96 is a clinical dietitian with Mayo Medical Center, Rochester, Minn. **Wendy Heineke** '89 was inducted into the UW-Stout Hall of Fame for swimming. She is general manager of the recently opened Marriott Residence Inn in downtown San Diego. **Andrea Jenke Pfeifer** '89 is a family practice physician at Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Augusta, Ga. **Christopher Riba** '89 is a training specialist with Northland Insurance Co., Eagan, Minn. **Sarah Schneider** '89 is a senior buyer for ShopKo Stores, Green Bay.

**Scott Bauer** '90, Danville, Ky., is regional sales manager for Tracker Marine. **Brenda Eske Doppenberg** MS '90 is an evaluation case coordinator for Hope Haven Inc., Rock Valley, Iowa. **Debra Zabel Herrmann** '90 is the scheduling secretary at St. Luke's Lutheran Care Center, Blue Earth, Minn. **Jennifer Denis Hoefler** '90, is a parts marketing representative for John Deere Worldwide, Raleigh, N.C. **Sarah Kist-Wittlief** '90, Mt. Horeb, was promoted to independent sales director for The Pampered Chef. **Stacie Furth O'Malley** '90, Cooper City, Fla., is southeast regional manager for Tommy Hilfiger USA. **Kevin** '90 and **Kristine Knutsen Zimdars** '90 reside in Menomonee Falls. Kevin is a manufacturing engineer for Broan-NuTone LLC, Hartford; Kristine is director of housekeeping for the Milwaukee Hilton City Center.

**Becky Wisnicky** Cote '91 is the owner/vice president of Cote's Quality Services Inc., Charlotte, N.C. **Diane Gosewisch** '91, Northglenn, Colo., is the store manager at Gart Sports. **Lynn Marsolek Helbing** '91 is the manager of Nancy's Notions Retail Store, Beaver Dam. **Beth Milsten** '91 is the owner of Executive Girl Friday, San Diego, Calif. **Jennifer Scharmer Noll** '91, is a production coordinator for West Group, Eagan, Minn. **Gina Rostagno-Wallat** '91, Canton, Mich., is a corporate law attorney.

**Laurie Franzen** '92, Richardson, Texas, is sales manager at the Holiday Inn Select Dallas Central. **James** '92 and **Jenny Mahlkuch Gilbertson** '93 reside in Prior Lake, Minn. James is employed by Cybex Computer Products Corp.; Jenny is a sales representative for Meyers Communication Services, Minneapolis, Minn. **Donald Gossen** '92 was promoted to director of manufacturing at Davidson Printing Co., Duluth, Minn. **Lisa Joslin Miller** '92 is a computer instructor at Hamilton College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. **Brad Schnabl** '92 is a customer service representative for Graphic Packaging Inc., Wausau. **Terri Tretsven** '92 is general manager of Holiday Inn Campus Area and Colbys Grille, Eau Claire.

### 1993-1996

**Carolyn "Ally" Williams Adams** '93, Stoughton, is a facility planner at Madison Area Technical College. **Krista Bethke** '93 is a pattern maker for Aero Design Manufacturing, Duluth, Minn. **Todd Christian** '93 is a senior industrial engineer with Wells Manufacturing, Woodstock, Ill. **Julie King Eide** '93, Austin, Minn., is a sales representative for McNeil Consumer Healthcare. **Kim Koziacki Flottemesch** '93 is an instructor at the University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho. **Chad Greenquist** BA '93, MS '99 is a sales representative for Meyers Printing Co., Minneapolis. **Craig Harsch** '93 is a quality engineer for Grede Foundries Inc., Reedsburg. **Kristi Lekies** MS '93 was awarded a doctorate in human development and family studies from Iowa State University at December 1998 commencement exercises. Currently, she is the research associate with the Cornell early childhood program at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. **Michael Runnels** '93,

Madison, is a consultant for Compete Inc. Thomas '93 and **Roxann Rhodes Vanderwyst** '94 reside in Altoona. Thomas is truss plant manager for Midwest Manufacturing; Roxann is an economic development specialist with the Eau Claire Area Industrial Development Corp. **Sarah Plappert Zeinemann** '93, Aurora, Colo., has received a master's degree in early childhood education from the University of Colorado-Denver.

**Paul Hartmann** '94, Random Lake, is a process engineer at Kohler Co. **Andrea Hougaard** '94, Burnsville, Minn., is a sales representative for H. J. Heinz. **Rebecca Pillath** '94, Lena, is an account executive with Option One Mortgage Corp. **Melissa Thomas** '94, Los Angeles, Calif., is an art director/designer for Styleclick.com. **Derek Vohs** '94, Madison, was accepted into Madison's Art Fair on the Square (*one of the Midwest's largest juried art shows*) in July 1999. He was recently promoted to shop manager at William Thomas Designs.

**Mitchell Kersten** '95 is a manufacturing engineer with KI, Manitowoc. **James King** '95, Racine, is a firefighter/paramedic with the Mt. Pleasant Fire Department. **Ann Gardner Kinney** BS '95, MS '98 is a therapist at Crittenton Northland, Gladstone, Mo. **William McIntyre** '95 is a manufacturing engineer for Fulton Performance Product, Mosinee. **Brooke Posard** '95, Minneapolis, is an interactive designer with Duffy Design. **Derek** '95 and **Sarah Kiel/Schladweiler** '96 reside in Sartell, Minn. Derek is a project coordinator/estimator for S.J. Louis Construction Inc.; Sarah is advertising/media coordinator at Herberger's Corporate. **Tasha Peck Schmidt** '95 is a social worker at Taylor Home Alternative School, Racine. **Gina Vogelpohl Smiskey** '95, Chippewa Falls, is Wisconsin field supervisor at Del-Jen Inc., U.S. Department of Labor. **Joseph Vander Wielen** '95, Appleton, is a pressroom supervisor for Ameri Print Graphics. **Mark Veenendaal** '95 is a project engineer with PCL Construction Services Inc., Burnsville, Minn.

**Kevin** '96 and **Amy Larson Baas** '99 reside in Burnsville, Minn. Kevin is a technology education teacher at Bloomington Kennedy High School; Amy is a graphic designer for Regis Corp. **Sean Borgardt** BS '96, MS '97 is corporate safety coordinator for Bemis Flexible Packaging, Oshkosh. **Lisa Andrew Burkhart** BS '96, MS '97, Oakdale, Minn., is a trainer for U.S. Bancorp. **Victoria Houle** MS '96 is a management training and organizational development specialist for First American Real Estate Information Services, St. Petersburg, Fla. **Susan Johnson** '96, Madison, is a regional field consultant for International Dairy Queen. **Jennifer Kelley Kemp** '96 is a community sales representative with Alterra Healthcare Corp., Rochester, Minn. **Keith Knuth** '96, Eagan, Minn., is a project manager for Data Collection Systems Inc. **Holly Liimatta** '86 is an accountant for the University of Minnesota Bookstores, Minneapolis. **Lisa Kelly McCann** BS '96, MS '99, North Hudson, is a vocational evaluator for Goodwill Easter Seals. **Laura Murphy** '96, Cleveland, Ohio, was promoted to director of human resources at the Wyndham Cleveland Hotel, Playhouse Square. **Deanne Post** BS '96, MS '98, Hudson, is a junior high guidance counselor for South Washington County School District. **Kenneth Schaefer** '96 is the development director at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rice Lake.

### 1997-1998

**Joshua DeBroux** BS '97, MS '99, is a safety engineer with MJ Electric, Iron Mountain, Mich. **Deena Neubauer** '97, Stillwater, Minn., is employed by Business Recruitment Worldwide. **Nicole Stepnik** '97, Oconomowoc, is dietary coordinator at Watertown Memorial Hospital. **Kira Wilson** '97, Poynette, is a medical sales representative for Mead Johnson.

**Jane Accola** '98 is a programmer/analyst at Retck Retail Solutions, Minneapolis, Minn. **Sara Adams**, Lakeville, Minn., is a design assistant at Gabberts. **Sarah Branstad** '98 is a software engineer with Camworks, St. Paul, Minn. **Kevin** '98 and **Jennifer Tripp Conrad** '98 reside in Schofield. Kevin is a market manager for Sherwin-Williams;



Jennifer is an executive team leader in Team Relations at Target. **JoAnn Dopp** '98 is a customer service representative with Fidelity Title and Guaranty Co./First American Title Insurance, Winter Park, Fla. **Jason Jenson** '98 is a network administrator for Vista Consulting Group Inc., Minneapolis. **Angie Dhein Kablar** '98, Madison, is a graphic artist at Kitson Marketing Inc. **Michael Pacovsky** '98, Bloomington, Minn., is telecom system administrator for Dayton Hudson Corp. **Terry** '98 and **Angela Christenson Ruchti** BS '97, MS '99, reside in New Richmond. Terry is an assistant manager for Host Marriott Services, Minneapolis; Angela is a counselor at Luck Elementary School. **Craig Sackmann** '98 is a technology education teacher at Kenosha Tremper High School, Kenosha, and is also the freshman football coach. **Craig Sandbulte** '98, Apple Valley, Minn., is a QA/manufacturing engineer with Medivators Inc., a manufacturer of endoscope reprocessing machines. **Eric Semingson** '98, Eleva, is a project engineer for Phillips Plastics.

1999

**Scott Bennett** is maintenance manager at AMSCO, Rice Lake. **Jason Bingham** is employed in sales at Unisource, Denver, Colo. **Justin Bolin** is assistant to the director of property operations at Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, Ill. **Todd Bowe** is employed by Hutchinson Technology Inc., Eau Claire. **Ryan Brandt** is assistant general manager at Wendy's, Green Bay. **Jeffrey Brawley** is a project engineer with Control Assemblies Co., Minneapolis. **Patrick Carlson**, Bloomington, Minn., is superintendent at Hans Hagen Homes. **Cory Cegielski** is employed in sales at Spectra Print Corp., Stevens Point. **Rebecca Dal Santo** is a production scheduler at Color Arts, Racine. **Patricia Deutsch** is catering sales manager for the Doubletree Park Place Hotel, Minneapolis. **Corianne Dietz** is a scientist with Kimberly Clark Corp., Neenah. **Todd Ellis** is employed in customer service/estimating at Master Litho, Appleton. **Kari Falness** is a furniture consultant for Dayton Hudson, Edina, Minn. **Lisa Foss**, Reedsburg, is a dietetic intern at UW-Madison Hospital and Clinics. **Gayle Frambs** is a community support professional with Northern Pines Community Programs, Rice Lake. **Paul Gilles** is a project manager at M. Ecker & Co Inc., Chicago, Ill. **Skye Harney** is employed by IBM, Rochester, Minn. **Carl Hert** teaches marketing at Medford Area Senior High School. Douglas Hinderliter is a manufacturing engineer with Trostel Ltd., Whitewater. **Kari Hippauf** is a sales assistant for Hudson Flooring, Hudson. **Tara Johnson** is an analyst with Andersen Consulting, Minneapolis. **Diane Koehn** is human resource manager at K mart, Menomonie. **Vessela Kouneva** is a family worker with Reuben Lindh Family Service, Minneapolis. **Mary Lambrecht** is a marriage and family therapist with the Center for Family Healing, Menasha. **Ryan Ledebuhr** is a visual arts intern at Mead Paper, Escanaba, Mich. **Alex Lockovitch**, St. Joseph, Mich., is a sales representative for Menasha Corp. **Kristin Loomis** is an account manager associate with Quebecor Printing, St. Cloud, Minn. **Kristin Manion** is a technical support engineer with Unimax Systems Corp., Minneapolis. **Andrew Neumann** is assistant general manager at Extended Stay America, Darien, Ill. **Holly Petersen**, Green Bay, is employed by Graphic Management Corp. **Jason Petersohn** is a consultant with Discovery Consultant Solutions Inc., St. Paul, Minn. **Nordine Raki** is a department manager at The Old Spaghetti Factory, Minneapolis. **Michael Rosenow** is a customer service representative for Banta Co., Menasha. **David Ruedy**, Madison, is assistant general manger at La Quinta Inns and Suites. **Joyce Schultz** is employed in packaging sales at Impressions Inc., St. Paul, Minn. **Eric Sinz**, Elmwood, is a project administrator for Metatec Corp. **John Songs** is employed by Harvest Restaurant and Truck Stop, Wittenburg. **Lana Sorenson** is a consultant for Solutia Consulting Inc., Stillwater, Minn. **Justin Spano** is executive steward at the St. Paul Hotel, St. Paul, Minn. **Christopher Swita** is an estimator/production scheduler for Fort Dearborn Flexible Packaging, Elk Grove Village, Ill. **Tara Tepe** is a convention service manager for Walt Disney World-Disney Institute, Lake Buena Vista, Fla. **Tracy Thill** is a placement specialist with Hjelmeland Rehabilitation Consultants Inc.,

Edina, Minn. **Heidi Thoe** is a customer service specialist with Color Associates Inc., St. Louis, Mo. **Elizabeth Thompson** is a customer service representative for Troyk Printing Corp., Franklin. **Jeffrey Tietz** is a big business consultant for U.S. West. **Sarah Torgerson** is assistant manager at Maurices, Maplewood, Minn. **Gene Tremblay** is a job placement specialist for Indianhead Enterprises Inc., Menomonie. **Nicholas Wambach** is sales manager for Bristol Hotels and Resorts-Courtyard by Marriott, Houston, Texas. **Bradley Windjue** is a sales trainee with Northland Electric Supply, Eau Claire. **Heather Wold** is an employee benefits processor at Norwest Retirement Plan Service Center, Roseville, Minn. **Edward Wroblewski** is a project engineer with Control Assemblies Co., Minneapolis. **Andrea Wyss** is a main line consulting analyst for Andersen Consulting, Minneapolis. **Shana York**, Woodbury, Minn., is an independent agent with Mass Mutual. **Michael Zoladkiewicz** is an event manager for Aramark Corp., Minneapolis.

Marriages

Luanne and **Richard Burdick** BS '74, MS '76, Feb. 19, 1999. Couple resides in Greendale. **Patricia Scheibel** '75 to Eric Vollrath, July 10. Couple resides in Sturgeon Bay. Sandra DeByl to **Richard Potter** BS '76, MS '92, Aug. 14. Couple resides in Nekoosa. **Connie Dorschel** '84 to Steven Ludy, Sept. 18. Couple resides in Green Bay. Kimberly Braaten to **Daniel Strand** '87, July 3. Couple resides in North Mankato, Minn. **Audrey Carlone** '89 to **Robert Millard** '88, Aug. 11. Couple resides in St. Louis Park, Minn. Kerri Aschenbrenner to **Jay Link** '90, June 27, 1998. Couple resides in Minong. **Jennifer Denis** '90 to **Todd Hoefler**, Dec. 31, 1998. Couple resides in Cary, N.C. **Brenda Eske** MS '90 to Rick Doppenberg, May 1999. Couple resides in Rock Valley, Iowa. **Kristine Knutsen** '90 to **Kevin Zimdars** '90, July 10. Couple resides in Menomonee Falls. **Debra Zabel** '90 to Kip Herrmann, July 24. Couple resides in Blue Earth, Minn. Christi Brandon to **John Archer** MS '91, Aug. 14. Couple resides in Kenosha. Julie Jost to **Richard Schuster** '91, June 25. Couple resides in West Allis. **Jennifer Scharmer** '91 to Dennis Noll, Aug. 7. Couple resides in Woodbury, Minn. **Jill Swiggum** '91 to Kirk Leitzen, July 24. Couple resides in Monroe. **Lisa Joslin** '92 to Doug Miller, June 26. Couple resides in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. **Vicki Mendham** '92 to Richard Whitehead, Aug. 21. Couple resides in Watersmeet, Mich. **Kathleen Crull** '93 to Thomas Ebeling, Aug. 7. Couple resides in Victorville, Calif. **Kim Kozicki** '93 to Thomas Flottemesch, May 28. Couple resides in Moscow, Idaho. **Jenny Mahlkuch** '93 to **James Gilbertson** '92, Nov. 17. Couple resides in Prior Lake, Minn. **Michelle Styer** '93 to Greg Kressin, July 24. Couple resides in Menomonie. **Teri Balk** '94 to **Robert Smith** '94, Aug. 21. Couple resides in Billings, Mont. **Jennifer Esping** '94 to **Mark Veenendaal** '95, April 17, 1999. Couple resides in Minnetonka, Minn. **Jennifer Sweet** '94 to Scott Komp, June 26. Couple resides in Milwaukee. **Kandi Geurts** '95 to John Wendlendt, Aug. 29, 1998. Couple resides in De Pere. **Ann Gardner** BS '95, MS '98 to Dan Kinney, Aug. 28. Couple resides in Liberty, Mo. **Tasha Peck** '95 to Troy Schmidt, June 27. Couple resides in Racine. Carri Seprafski to **Mitchell Kersten** '95, Sept. 27, 1998. Couple resides in Manitowoc. **Susan Forslund Smithhart** '95 to William Rebman, April 16, 1999. Couple resides in Janesville. **Jessica Beilfuss** '96 to **Richard Wellner** '96, Aug. 14. Couple resides in Knoxville, Tenn. **Kimberly Kalkbrenner** '96 to Chad La Roche, Oct. 23. Couple resides in Eden Prairie, Minn. **Jennifer Kelley** '96 to **Brian Kemp** '98, Sept. 25. Couple resides in Rochester, Minn. **Heidi Price** '96 to Jared Hawley, June 12. Couple resides in Flint, Mich. Kelly Bon Durant to **Ricky Seidel** '97, July 3. Couple resides in Stoughton. **Leah Brown** '97 to **Allen Kluz** '97, May 22. Couple resides in St. Anthony, Minn. **Andrea Busch** '97 to Daniel Stiller, June 28, 1997. Couple resides in Combined Locks. Missy Walz to **Jason Dierks** '97, July 17. Couple resides in Hudson. **Jessica Carroll** '98 to **Shawn Neri** '97, April 1999. Couple resides in Shakopee, Minn. **Leslie deLima** '98 to **David**

**Ingiald**, Aug. 21. Couple resides in St. Paul, Minn. **Angie Dhein** '98 to Dan Kablar, Aug. 8, 1998. Couple resides in Madison. **Alicia Evanson** '98 to **Matthew Andersen** '98, Aug. 14. Couple resides in Rice Lake. Lynn Guyette to **Aaron Schumacher** '98, July 9. Couple resides in Appleton. **Kathryn Kaiser** '98 to **Matthew Rolli** '98, Oct. 9. Couple resides in Baldwin. **Jennifer Tripp** '98 to **Kevin Conrad** '98, Aug. 7. Couple resides in Schofield. **Kathryn Detienne** '99 to **Jeff Eisenreich** BS '96, MS '98, June 5. Couple resides in Shakopee, Minn. **Amy Larson** '99 to **Kevin Baas** '96, July 24. Couple resides in Burnsville, Minn.

Births

A daughter, Anna Margarete, March 24, 1999, to David and **Julie Bacon Mundahl** '75, Loretto, Minn. A son, Joshua David, July 21, to **David** '75 and Jean **Tillman**, New Brighton, Minn. A daughter, Danielle Morgan, Feb. 1, 1999, to Dean and **Sharon Tiegs Richardson** '81, Janesville. A son, William Robert James, Sept. 27, to **Randall** '82 and Kathy Birr, Tulsa, Okla. A son, Conner Lee, July 30, to **Jack** '82 and Cindy **Leinke**, Neenah. A daughter, Alyssa Lynn, April 20, to Mark and **Linda Van Thull Cigainero** '83, Sachse, Texas. A daughter, Sarah Frances, Jan. 13, 1999, to Gerald and **Elizabeth Woletz Gunderson** '84, St. Louis Park, Minn. A son, Samuel Victor, Jan. 21, 1999, to Kevin and **Karen Brouwer Gunvalson** '84, Montello. A daughter, Jessica Ann, July 18, to **John** '84 and Sheila **Link**, Merrill. A son, Spencer, Nov. 9, 1998, to Michael and **Jane Belongea McGee** '85, Winfield, Ill. A son, Carson James, May 16, to **Michael** '85 and Kim **Menke**, Rockford, Ill. A daughter, SaraKate Ann, to **Mark** '86 and **Elizabeth Klein Pasbrig** '87, Elk Grove Village, Ill. A son, Eric John, July 31, to Peter and **Lynn Dederling Sell** '86, Wauwatosa. A son, Joseph Charlie, April 7, 1999, to Jeremy and **Amy Nelson Brisson** '88, Minneapolis. A son, Carson James, Dec. 4, to **James** '88 and **Deana Christenson Gorecki** '91, Pewaukee. A daughter, Mary Katherine, March 21, 1999, to **Michael** '88 and Margaret **Hackworthy**, Huntley, Ill. A son, Jacob Andrew, Nov. 22, to **Andrew** '88 and Lisa **Ruge**, Arlington, Va. A son, Zachary Phillip, June 7, to **Scott** '88 and Jodi **Stuckey**, St. Charles, Mo. A daughter, Isabel Rose, March 26, 1999, to **Mark** BS '88, MS '92 and **Valerie Toelle**, Shullsburg. A son, Benedict Scott, Aug. 17, to **James** '89 and **Kristin Hall Borgerding** '89, Janesville. A son, Justin, March 2, 1999, to **Mark** BS '89, MS '96 and **Danielle Buesing Glen** '93, Rochester, Minn. A son, Devin Brian, July 8, to Brian and **Paula DeBaker Post** '89, Gurnee, Ill. A son, Connor, June 7, to James and **Barbara McCants Hasselman** '90, Plymouth, Minn. A son, Nicholas William, Nov. 20, 1998, to **Brian** '90 and **Lorinda Warnke Horky** '93, Elk Mound. A daughter, Kenia Adaline, Aug. 6, to **Jay** '90 and Kerri **Link**, Minong. A daughter, Amanda Joy, Aug. 20, to Dan and **Linda Sodaro Prozeralik** '90, Lake Worth, Fla. A son, Connor, April 29, 1999, to **Steven** '91 and **Michelle Kainz Bitzer** '91, Sturgeon Bay. A daughter, Samantha Marie, July 24, to Thomas and **Deborah Stromgren Braesch** '91, Rogers, Minn. A daughter, Elaine Cecile, June 3, to Daniel and **Emma Eberhardy Breed** '91, Rice Lake. A daughter, Samantha Cassidy, Sept. 7, to **Lynn** BS '91, MS '92 and **Lynn Carr-Berry** '92, Wausau. A son, Christopher Allen, Aug. 2, to **Rory** '91 and Emma **Reed**, West Milwaukee. A son, Jack Connor, July 7, to Jeffrey and **Gina Rostagno Wallat** '91, Canton, Mich. A daughter, Andrea Michelle, July 13, to Steve and **Michelle Leil Elliott** '92, River Falls. A daughter, Kirby Grace, Sept. 1, to Michael and **Sharon Lenius Olive** '92, San Antonio, Texas. A son, Rick, April 15, 1999, to Richard and **Lynn Morrow Patton** '92, Cleveland, Ohio. A son, Zachary Mark, Aug. 14, to Mark and **Beth Helberg Sheasby** '92, Arlington Heights, Ill. A daughter, Brenna Elizabeth, July 1999, to Andres and **Julianne Hastings Taylor** BS '92, MS '98, Menomonie. A son, Cole Douglas, Aug. 30, 1998, to **Andrew** '93 and **Carolyn "Ally" Williams Adams** '93, Stoughton. A son, Clayton Stanley Theodore, Dec. 8, to Michael and **Andrea Bula Huss** '93, Appleton. A son, Nathan Robert, July 24, to **Robert** '93 and Stephanie **Lindberg**, Bloomington, Minn. A son,

Cullen Christopher, Feb. 4, 1999, to Christopher and **Amy Justman Schmoldt** '93, West Bend. A son, Thomas Isaiah, Aug. 26, to **Thomas** '93 and **Roxann Rhodes Vanderwyst** '94, Altoona. A daughter, Jessica Lynn, June 8, to Dale and **Joyce Schwoerer Warner** '93, Lyndon Station. A daughter, Macy Reagan, Aug. 25, to **William** '93 and **Tracy Shukes Weslager** '93, Gainesville, Fla. A son, Kyle Michael, May 29, to **Erik** '93 and **Sarah Plappert Zeinemann** '93, Aurora, Colo. A son, Collin James, Aug. 26, 1998, and a daughter, Elizabeth Paige, Sept. 1, 1999, to Chris and **Heide Reynolds Diekvoss** '94, Green Bay. A son, Aug. 31, to **Alan** '94 and **Stacy Liederbach Glowacki** '95, Janesville. A son, Cameron, July 14, to **Bryan** '94 and Jeanne **Nelson**, Lakeville, Minn. A daughter, Elaina Marie, Oct. 9, 1998, to James and **Jennifer Tait Sowinski** '94, West Allis. A son, Colten, April 2, 1999, to Jason and **Kristin Hanson Squier** '94, Farmington, Minn. A daughter, Alyssa, July 5, to **David** '95 and **Nicole Hoiness Stratton** '96, Burnsville, Minn. A daughter, Sydnee Karen, June 17, to John and **Kandi Geurts Wendlendt** '95, De Pere. A son, Kevin Angel Kiril, July 7, to **Kiril** '96 and **Kelly Wilson Kustief** '93, Menomonie. A daughter, Cassandra Marie, Feb. 4, 1999, to **Alexander** '97 and Jennifer **Zeitler**, Rochester, Minn. A daughter, Amber, Aug. 6, to **Terry** '98 and **Angela Christenson Ruchti** BS '97, MS '99, New Richmond.

Adoptions

**Charles** '80 and Kelly **Mandsager**, Hibbing, Minn., a son, Alexander. Alexander was born Nov. 23, 1996 in Kazau, Russia, and joined the family in July 1997. Bruce and **Brenda Varney Blair** '81, Welch, Minn., a son, Matthew Thomas. Matthew was born Feb. 13, 1998, and joined the family on Feb. 21, 1999 at 12 months of age. **Steven** '85 and **Carolyn Wolf Mais** '85, Marshfield, a daughter, Maria Athena Rose. Maria was born Nov. 11, 1998, and joined the family Nov. 25, 1998. **Robert** '86 and **Katherine Leuck Vincent** '88, Amery, a daughter, Molly Ann. Molly was born April 30, 1999. **James** '88 and **Molly Purtell Bergquist** '89, Chaska, Minn., a daughter, Lily Jin. Lily was born Feb. 5, 1999, in Seoul, Korea, and joined the family July 27, 1999.

Deaths

**Stella Timbers Blessington** Dip. '22, BS '24, Aug. 22, Kalamazoo, Mich. **Carl Gavic** Dip. '22, BS '27, Nov. 24, Indianapolis, Ind. **Joyce Dahl Holmen** Dip. '22, Aug. 9, Baraboo. **Herbert Larsen** Dip. '23, BS '40, Feb. 27, Columbus, Ohio. **Ruth Grundgriper Patterson** Dip. '24, BS '25, Aug. 12, Menomonie. **Eleanor Chase Graves** Dip. '25, BS '42, August, Carmichael, Calif. **Elvera Kretch Nelson** Dip. '25, July 17, Los Angeles, Calif. **Gertrude Osthelder Fenner** Dip. '26, Nov. 29, Manitowoc. **R.E. Hagen** '31, May 7, Monroe, Ga. **Marlo McCullough** '33, December, Menomonie. **Jack Hellum** '38, Oct. 26, Menomonie. **Dora Matz Larson** '39, Feb. 26, 1999, Cottonwood, Ariz. **Anne Omsted Morris** BS '41, MS '58, Aug. 3, San Jose, Calif. **Jane Huntzicker** '44, Dec. 10, Yakima, Wash. **Marjorie Powers Moe Mooney** '47, July 5, Pismo Beach, Calif. **Melvin Olson** BS '49, MS '53, Aug. 14, Medford. **Gladys Flannagan Bauer** MS '50, Dec. 9, Oshkosh. **Richard Roepke** '50, Oct. 18, Baldwin. **Helen Helm Russell** '50, July 6, Austin, Texas. **Melvin Witte** '52, July 12, Murray, Ky. **LaVonne Mattson** '57, Aug. 21, Bay City. **Peter Jackson** BS '59, MS '59, Maryville, Mo. **James Malotke** MS '60, Aug. 18, Zellwood, Fla. **Thomas Dinges** BS '64, MS '65, Aug. 11, Toledo, Ohio. **Harold Thomas** BS '65, MS '71, December, Arkdale. **Jean Boda Retzlloff** BS '66, MS '69, July 16, Oneida. **Paul Conner** MS '68, Aug. 31, Monroe. **Marjory Meacham** MS '73, Aug. 22, Chetek. **Bruce Jehn** '74, June 14, Fallbrook, Calif. **John Blaha** '79, Aug. 13, Cary, N.C. **Steven Strand** '82, Sept. 9, Milwaukee. **Paul Kammer** '91, May 14, Colorado Springs, Colo.



# Spotlight

**Father Jim Trempe '85** accepted a position as priest for St. John the Apostle and St. Ansgar parishes in Whitehall and Blair, Wis., and began duties in those parishes on Jan. 7, 1999.



Trempe

Trempe graduated with a BS in industrial technology from UW-Stout, and went on to Dallas, where he worked as a manufacturing engineer with Texas Instruments until December 1988. During his time at Texas Instruments, Trempe completed a master's degree in business administration, with an emphasis in management.

In January 1989, he moved to Wisconsin Rapids to teach quality assurance and manufacturing engineering at Mid-State Technical College. While there he began work on his master's degree in education at UW-Stout.

Trempe left for Mundelein Seminary in Mundelein, Ill., in the fall of 1991, where he began his study of theology in a five-year program designed for men who have received their bachelor's degree or higher.

The priesthood has fascinated Trempe since he was a young boy. "I would pretend to say Mass with crackers and grape juice when I was seven or eight years old," he said. "Many of you would have liked that Mass — three minutes from beginning to end."

Trempe was ordained to the priesthood on July 13, 1996, at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse, Wis. Since then, he has served as chaplain and instructor at Regis High School in Eau Claire, and has taught religion at St. Pat's and Sacred Heart in Eau Claire. "Teaching has been both challenging and rewarding. I love the kids and the gifts that they bring," he said.

Trempe is now serving as pastor of parishes in Whitehall and Blair, Wis., and is chaplain for area facilities including two nursing homes, a health care center and the local hospital.

"I will always feel blessed for the great education, the wonderful people and the experiences I have had in my life. Stout played a big part in allowing me to have such experiences," he said. "I have never been happier than I now am serving our Lord Jesus Christ as priest."

**Sara Barncroft-Short '84**

owns and operates the Sandhill Inn with her husband in Merrimac, Wis. The restaurant is located in a Victorian-style home that was built around 1896 by the local blacksmith, and doubles as the family's home.



Short

Before opening the Sandhill Inn in 1989, Short worked for the Hyatt Regency Hotel at their Lake Tahoe and Chicago branches. She met her husband, Paul, in Lake Tahoe before they were transferred to Chicago.

After two years at the Chicago Hyatt, Short and her husband decided to leave the city and open a restaurant of their own. They looked through all of Wisconsin, and eventually decided on Merrimac. "This was

an area we kept coming to, and when we were here we could not find a restaurant we wanted to eat at," Short said.

With Lodi, Sauk City and Portage nearby, the Sandhill Inn is located among a population of about 40,000 in the immediate area. "Madison is an unexpectedly big draw for us though, bringing in about 75 percent of our customers," she said.

As early as high school, Short was preparing for her role today. "If I had the house to myself for a matter of minutes, I would have people over," she said. "I always want to see people having a good time."

During her time at UW-Stout, Short recalls working as a waitress at the Haute Cuisine meals and traveling to Europe with Teresa Schulz, from the hospitality and tourism department. During her trip to Europe, Short visited kitchens of hotels, pubs and inns across the continent.

Schulz made the trip very enjoyable, Short said. "Teresa is just a really great lady and easy going," she said.

Short's husband is attending UW-Stout through distance learning, and is currently working on his degree while teaching at the Madison Area Technical College.

**Molra Quinn Leite '79**, was

presented with the prestigious Distinguished Alumni Award during reunion and homecoming activities in October 1999. The annual award recognizes a Stout alumnus who exemplifies the objectives of the university by outstanding professional accomplishments and significant contributions to society.



Leite

Following her graduation in 1979, Leite worked as an interior designer for the Dayton-Hudson Corporation and subsequently founded her own design firm—M. Quinn Designs Incorporated. She is the recipient of many design awards including the Edison Lighting Award for her design of the Scholes Fine Art Gallery and Showroom in 1986, an Interior Design Award for small contract space from the Minnesota chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers in 1988, and an Edwin F. Guth Award from the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America for innovations in the design of Gloria Jeans Coffee Bean retail kiosk in 1990.

Currently a resident of Annandale, Va., Leite has been active in numerous community activities. Within the Fairfax County 4-H program, she was a founder of the Annandale Community 4-H Club. A member of the Fairfax 4-H Association since 1995, she is currently serving as its chair. In 1997, Leite designed the Fairfax County 4-H mascot, Cloverbuddy, who has appeared at civic and 4-H events throughout Fairfax County and Virginia.

In 1996, Leite participated in the design and renovation of the Kennedy Institute House in Silver Spring, Md., a facility for severely retarded adults. The award-winning facility was a project of the International Fashions Design Association.

Molra is a member of the Friends of Mason District Park in Annandale Va. The Friends

present an annual Fall Festival and sponsor the "Spotlight by Starlight" summer concert series, and were the recipients of the 1997 Elly Doyle Award for the support to Fairfax County parks and recreations programs.

**June Madden '48**, celebrated

50 years of service in the field of dietetics at the annual American Dietetics Association (ADA) conference in Atlanta this past October. Ironically, Madden said that she was more interested in becoming a veterinarian than a dietitian while in school.



Madden

In the years since her graduation from the Stout Institute, Madden has seen many changes both in her field and in the world. The passage of the school lunch act and a maternal and child health bill were key issues in post World War II America, along with state registration of dietitians.

She has been very active in the ADA through the years, having served as treasurer of the North Suburban Dietetic Association (Chicago) and president of the Coloosa Dietetic Association (Florida). She continues to remain active in the organization by attending state and national meetings and voting in national elections.

Attending Stout was a family tradition for Madden, "even my grandmother went to Stout," she said. Madden came to Stout when she was just 17 years old, and said she was too big of a joker to get good grades, but managed to keep a 'B' average.

At the time Madden attended, Stout was the number one school in home economics and everyone recognized the name, she said. While the name was well recognized throughout the United States, she also believes that individual efforts make a great contribution to success. "I think you make your own career, no matter what school you attend," she said.

After 50 years in the field of dietetics, Madden still looks forward to learning and experiencing new things. "I see every day as an opportunity to learn something new," she said.

In recognition of Madden's accomplishment, her husband Mike established a \$1,000 scholarship for a student in the dietetics program to use during their internship. The scholarship will be presented during the annual scholarship program on Sept. 5.

**Russell Rosmait BS '81, MS '85**, was presented with the first

annual James Huff Stout Award during reunion and homecoming activities in October 1999. This award was established to honor alumni who have applied the vision and ideals of Stout to their own lives and careers. Stout's philosophy was "learning through involvement" and was the basis on which UW-Stout was founded.



Rosmait

Rosmait received both his bachelor's degree in industrial education and master's degree in vocational education at UW-Stout, and went on to earn his Ph.D. from Oklahoma State University in 1996.

He has been a professor at Pittsburgh State University in Pittsburgh, Kan. for the last 12 years, and is one of only 30 Foundry Educational Foundation Professors in the United States. Rosmait was recently honored with the AFS Directors Award from the Foundry Educational Foundation. The award identifies Rosmait as the 1998-99 FEF Professor of the year.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has also had the honor of working with Rosmait. He has spent a number of summers as a part of the Summer Faculty Fellowship program and has worked with the Engineering Cost Office at the Marshall Space Flight Center, where he assisted NASA engineers in efforts to reduce the cost of access to space.

**Tom Roth '88**, has been

named director of marketing for the new Indianapolis Marriott Downtown, scheduled to open in the spring of 2001.



Roth

As director of marketing, Roth is responsible for overseeing all marketing and sales efforts of the 615-room establishment. The hotel will encompass more than 40,000-square-feet of meeting space, including the city's largest hotel ballroom with 20,600-square-feet, 26 luxury suites, concierge lounge, indoor pool, health club, full service restaurant and Champion's Sports Bar.

Roth has been with the Marriott International sales team for 11 years. Most recently, Roth was the director of sales at the 1,503-room Orlando World Center Marriott in Florida. Prior to that position, he held senior sales positions at the San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter and the Marriott Park Central in Dallas.

The opportunity to be involved with a project this large from the beginning was one of the things that prompted Roth to accept the position. "The real opportunity is to be involved in a project from the very beginning," he said. "When I started, it was just a hole in the ground."

The future of the hospitality industry in Indianapolis is bright, Roth said. "It is an exciting city and is positioned to become the next premier convention center in the Midwest," he said.

Roth is glad to see Marriott and their partners expanding in the midwest. "It provides an opportunity for people who don't want to move thousands of miles from home after school," he said.

The education he received at UW-Stout helped to broaden Roth's horizons within the hospitality industry, he said.